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FOURTH BOOK OF EZRA

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quomodo s' ostendit quo
modo incipit. uultus
eorum fulgebat sicut sol.
& quomodo in eipiem
stellatissimam lumen.
quomodo nax rupta.
sepamus & de. quies dom
nib; supradictis maior
quoniam scultabunt cum si
ducia & quoniam confideb
bunt non confusi. & gau
debur non reuerentia;
festinant omni uultum
conferunt uindictas.
& aquo incipiunt glorio
si mercedem recipere.
hicor de anima tumus
corum utanodo amurq
uultus p'dictae uiae cru
cifixus quos patunt a
modo quomodo ex erunt.
& respondi & dixi.
et ego dabo t' tempus am
nabur postquam sepa
rat' fuerint decor rib;
et uideant de quomibi
dixisti & dixit. sep
ton dieb; erit libesat
eipum ut uideant quae
p'dicta s' sermones

& positi congregabunt
in habitaculis suis. & respon
di & dixi. sinuengnam
ante oculos suos de manu tra
mibi adhuc seruo uos. p'uo
die uideant iustimpior & eu
sare poterint. de p'cip
eis altissimum. si p'cip
p' filios & filios p'parentib; &
fratres p'fratrib; . si ad
fines p'proximis. si fideli
tes p'carissimis. uel p't
de carissimus. ut p'ci
intelligat aut dormiat
aut in cluce & aut in re.
s' nemo quā nemo palquero
gallit. Omnia am p'petu
bunt. unquif que tunc in
iustitias suas. aut iustitias.
& respondi & dixi. & quo
modo uenit in modo quoniam
roga^{at} p'p' abraham p'p't
p'odomit' & moyses
p'p'etrib; qui in deserto
p'caugunt. & iesus p'p'
am p'p'it. Indieb; a
chaz & samuel & dauid
p'consecratione. & salomon
p'is qui in se p'cationem.
& helias p'his qui pluuam

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TO MY FELLOW-WORKERS
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REVISION OF THE AUTHORIZED TRANSLATION
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HOLY BIBLE AND APOCRYPHA,
THESE PAGES ARE RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.

By the same Editor.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MACCABEES. The Greek text with the Syriac and Latin translations; to which are added other treatises on the Maccabæan Martyrs. *[In the Press.*

THE FOURTH BOOK OF EZRA. A revised text of the Latin translation, and a full collation of the two oldest MSS. *[Preparing.*

INTRODUCTION.

IN the fourth book of Ezra (the second of Esdras in our Apocrypha) the transition from the thirty-fifth to the thirty-sixth verse of the seventh chapter must strike even a superficial reader as singularly abrupt¹. That this want of coherence was felt by the earliest of modern commentators on the book, is proved by his elaborate attempt to supply a train of thought in order to bring the two verses into connexion². It was not however till the beginning of the eighteenth century that appeal was made to another representative of the lost original. Then appeared Ockley's translation of the Arabic version³, where between the verses in question a long passage intervenes,

¹ vii. 33. "Et revelabitur Altissimus super sedem judicii, et pertransibunt miseriae, et longanimitas congregabitur.

34. Judicium autem solum remanebit, veritas stabit, et fides convalescet,

35. Et opus subsequetur, et merces ostendetur, et justitiae vigilabunt, et injustitiae non dominabuntur.

36. Et dixi: Primus Abraham propter Sodomitas oravit, et Moyses pro patribus qui in deserto peccaverunt,

37. Et qui post eum pro Israel"...Vulg. ed. Sabat.

² "Audiens Esdras judicium futurum, primum, et novissimum, de populo suo, maxime autem de abiectione synagogae Iudaicae, pro qua plurimum zelabat, quia in ejus locum surroganda esset sponsa ecclesia sine ruga, solícite inquirít ab angelo, si non sit relictus aliquis locus intercedendi pro eo populo, et clementiam impetrandi a pientissimo patre cœlesti, ejus sunt infinitae miserationes. Si quo modo gratia implorari possit pro Israele, juxta carnem, ne omnino abjiciatur." Conr. Pellicanus, *Com. Bibl.* Tom. v. fol. Tiguri, 1538, p. 258.

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³ Published in the Appendix to Vol. iv. of Whiston's *Primitive Christianity Reviv'd*. 8vo. London, 1711. The existence of this Arabic version had been pointed out by John Gregory, who in his zeal for Oriental learning overestimated its value: "I have cause to believe, that it is the most authenticke remaine of this Booke." *Notes and Observations upon some Passages of Scripture*. 4to. Oxford, 1646, p. 77. The Arabic text itself, however, was not printed till 1863, by Ewald, in Vol. xi. of the *Abhandlungen der k. Gesellsch. der Wissenschaften zu Göttingen*. Ockley's English translation has been rendered into Latin by Hilgenfeld, with H. Steiner's corrections, in the *Messias Judeorum*. Lips. 1869. Hitherto only one MS. of this version has been used, viz. Bodl. 251, which has lost two leaves (containing iv. 24—45 and viii. 50—ix. 1). Ewald (*Das 4te Esrabuch*, p. 100) hints at the existence of another MS. in the Vatican, and from Assemani's description, abridged by Mai (*Script. Vet. Nova Coll.* Vol. iv.), we may readily identify it with Cod. III. Assemani indeed denies the identity of 1 Ezra in this MS. with our 4 Ezra, but the order in which it

which carries on the thread of the narrative in an artless and appropriate manner¹. In the present century the text of the Arabic has been printed, the long neglected Armenian translated², and the apparatus criticus of the book greatly increased by the publication of the text and translation of the following versions: the Aethiopic³, the shorter Arabic⁴ (Arab.²), and, last but not least, the Syriac⁵, and in all of them the hiatus

stands, the title and the beginning which he quotes, are all the same as in the Bodl. MS., so that we may regard his language as a hasty conclusion based on the absence of chapters i. ii. xv. xvi. from the Arabic version.

¹ Yet the genuineness of this portion was not immediately recognized. Dr. Fr. Lee wrote thus to Ockley: "The *Arabic* Copy, or Version, besides many lesser Interpolations, hath a very large one concerning the intermediato State of Souls" (*An Epistolary Discourse concerning the Books of Ezra*. Lond. 1722, p. 21). P. J. S. Vogel held all between vii. 25 and *assumretur* viii. 20, to be a later addition to the original (*Commentatio de Conjecturae usu in Crisi Nori Test., cui adjecta est altera de Quarto Libro Esdrae*. 4to. Alterfii, 1795), but the force of his arguments was considerably weakened by a few remarks of Laurence. Hilgenfeld still maintains the theory of an interpolation, but within narrower limits, viz. vii. 45—*Vicerit* vii. 115 (45).

² By J. H. Petermann, for Hilgenfeld's *Messias Jud.* The Armenian version itself was published as early as A.D. 1666, in the first edition of the Arm. Bible, according to Masch in Le Long's *Bibl. S.* II. 1, A.D. 1781, p. 175. Its existence therefore could scarcely have been unknown to scholars, as it is mentioned also by Bredenkamp (Eichhorn's *Ally. Bibl.* IV. A.D. 1792, p. 626), by Michel Tehamitchian (*Histoire d'Arménie*. 4to. Ven. 1784—86, Vol. III. p. 660; his statement, referred to by Scholz, that Usgan, the editor of the first Arm. Bible, translated 4 Ezra from the Lat. is obviously incorrect), by C. F. Neumann (*Versuch einer Gesch. der Armen. Lit.* A.D. 1836, p. 39), and by Scholz (*Einteitung* I. A.D. 1845, p. 501). But strange to say, this version appears to have escaped the notice of the editors of our book till pointed out by Ceriani, A.D. 1861 (see *Mon. Sacra et Prof.* v. fasc. 1, pp. 41—44).

³ This version, which had been quoted occasionally by Ludolf, in his *Lex.* (see Van der Vlis, *Disp.*

Crit. de Ezrae Libr. Apocr. vulgo quarto dicto, p. 75), was published together with a Lat. and Engl. transl. by Laurence (*Primi Ezrae Libri, qui apud Vulg. appellatur quartus, Vers. Aeth.* Oxon. 1820), from a MS., which is now in the Bodl. Libr. (No. VII. Dillm. Cat.). Many conjectural emendations were proposed by Van der Vlis in the treatise just mentioned; and Dillmann has given from MSS. examined by him an important list of various readings, but without specifying his authorities (*Das vierte Ezrabuch.....von Ewald*, pp. 92—100); finally Fr. Praetorius has, by the aid of Dillmann's variants and four additional MSS., revised the Lat. transl. of Laurence for Hilgenfeld's *Messias Jud.* The materials for a critical edition of the text, which is still a desideratum, have been increased lately by the addition to the Brit. Mus. of the Magdala collection of Aeth. MSS., which contains no less than eight copies of this book (see Prof. Wright's list in the *Zeitschr. der deutschen morgenl. Gesellsch.* XXIV. 1870, p. 590).

⁴ Also published by Ewald in 1863 (*Abh. der k. Gesellsch. der Wissensch. zu Gött.* Vol. XI.), from MS. Hunt. 260 (*Bibl. Bodl. Codd. MSS. Orient. Cat.* II. ed. Nicoll, p. 11), and described by him in *Nachrichten von der Georg.-Aug. Univ. u. der k. Gesellsch. der Wissensch. zu Göttingen*, 1863; it has been translated into German by Steiner, in Hilgenf. *Zeitschrift*, Vol. XI. 1868. As Dr. Guidi has supplemented for me the imperfect notice printed by Mai on Cod. Ar. Vat. CCCCLXII. (*Script. V. N.* coll. IV.), I am able to announce the discovery of a second MS. of this version.

⁵ A Latin translation of this version was printed by Dr. Ant. Ceriani in 1866 (*Monum. Sacra et Prof.* Vol. I. fasc. 2), and followed after a short interval by the publication of the Syriac text itself (*id.* Vol. V. fasc. 1, 1868) from the celebrated MS. of the Peshito (B. 21. Inf.) in the Ambrosian Library. The same scholar now proposes to reproduce by photolitho-

is found to be filled up in essentially the same way. As these versions seem generally to be of independent origin, and some are of considerable antiquity, their agreement

graphy the entire MS., which has been assigned to the sixth century.

There had long before been rumours of the existence of a Syriac version in a MS. once the property of Julius Caesar Scaliger, which Fabricius in vain attempted to discover (*Cod. Pseudepigr. Vet. Test.* ed. II. Vol. II. p. 176). The MS. in question is thus referred to by Scaliger himself: "Arcana vero multo plura continentur in libris Esdrae, atque potiora, quam quivis enarratione. Eos libros, quod hoc eloqui ausus es, suspicor te non vidisse: quorum admirabile, ac divinum compendium apud me est, Syra conscriptum lingua. In iis igitur longe, uti dicebam, praestantiores sententiae continentur, quam in concionibus sordidissimi calumniatoris, atque impurissimi impostoris Emanuelis." *Exotericarum Exercitationum Liber quintus decimus, de subtilitate ad Hieron. Cardanum.* 4to. Lutetiae, 1557, f. 422. Exerc. cccviii. 'an lectis audita jucundiora.' This can scarcely be an allusion to the 3rd and 4th books of Ezra, but rather, as Fabricius suggests, to what was supposed to be a Syriac compendium of the seventy secret books mentioned in 4 Ezra xiv. 46, 47. I believe that the very MS., which Scaliger could so safely flourish in the face of his opponent, is now in the University Library, Cambridge, marked MM. 6. 29. It treats of astrology and alchemy, and resembles, to some extent, MS. Egerton, 709, in the Brit. Mus. (described in the *Catal. of Syr. MSS.* by Prof. Wright, Vol. III. p. 1190).

From fol. 116 b. to fol. 120 a. of the Cambridge MS., we have what professes to be an extract from the Book of Ezra, the wise scribe,

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It commences thus:

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ܠܝܠܗ ܠܝܠܗ ܠܝܠܗ ܠܝܠܗ ܠܝܠܗ
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This MS. once belonged to Erpenius, and came

into possession of the University together with his other MSS. in 1632. In the earliest printed catalogue of this collection it seems to be described as Liber theologicus mutilus, in 4. (*Petri Scriverii Manus Erpeniani.* 4to. Lugd. Bat. 1625). Erpenius probably received it from the younger Scaliger, and it is not unlikely that it was one of the libri Chaldaici in the possession of Jo. Picius Mirandula; that scholar, as we know, regarded the seventy books, above referred to, as a storehouse of mystic theosophy and cabbalistic lore, and I know of no other Syr. MS. that could in any degree justify, from his point of view, such glowing language as this: "Animarunt autem me, atque adeo agentem alia, vi compulerunt ad Arabum literas Chaldaeorumque perdiscendas, libri quidam utriusque linguae, qui profecto non temere, aut fortuito, sed Dei consilio, et meis studiis bene faventis Numinis, ad meas manus pervenerunt. Audi inscriptiones, vadamonium deseres: Chaldaici hi libri sunt, si libri sunt, et non thesauri. In patris Ezre, Zoroastris, et Melchiar Magorum oracula, in quibus et illa quoque, quae apud Graecos mendosa et mutila circumferuntur, leguntur integra, et absoluta: tum est in illa Chaldaeorum sapientum, brevis quidem et saepebrosa, sed plena mysteriis interpretatio. Est itidem et libellus de dogmatis Chaldaicae theologiae, tum Persarum, Graecorum, et Chaldaeorum in illa divina et locupletissima enarratione. Vide, Marsili, quae insperata mihi bona irrepserunt in sinum"... (*Opera Omnia*, fol. Bas. 1601, Vol. I. p. 249).

The report with regard to a Hebrew copy of this book rests only on a vague statement of an untrustworthy writer: *Tertium et quartum Ezrae Hebraicos adhuc ipse non vidi: quidam tamen ex ipsis aiunt, eos nuper inuentos Constantinopoli reperiri.* Galatinus, *Opus de Arcanis Cathol. veritatis.* 1561, p. 2. Dr. Fr. Lee was entirely mistaken in supposing that the Hebrew words printed on the margin of this book in the Lat. Bible of H. Stephens Svo. Lutet. [1545] were derived from a Hebrew copy, and even Laurence failed to remove all misapprehension on this point (*Primi Ezrae libr. vers. Aeth.* p. 301). The fact is that Petrus Cholinus (not Leo

on this point raises a strong presumption that the additional matter formed part of the Greek text from which they were derived. Not only so, but there is decisive evidence that the Latin version also once contained the passage which is now absent; for Ambrose, in his treatise *De Bono Mortis*, drew largely for illustration from this version, and especially from the missing portion. The Benedictine editors of his works were perplexed at references which they could not verify, and suggested that a solution might be found in the examination of fresh MSS.¹ They casually refer to two, one of which belonged to their own library (at St. Germain des Prés); this was in all probability the 'MS. Sangermanensis' (Cod. S.), which a distinguished member of this order (Pet. Sabatier) upwards of sixty years later made use of for his great work, especially in the fourth book of Ezra. In late years it has been collated in a few passages by Dr. Hase for Volckmar's *Esdra Propheta*, and very fully by Dr. Zotenberg for Hilgen-

Judaeus), who modernized the Latin version of this book, occasionally added on the margin, not only in this, but in the other apocryphal books, a Hebrew equivalent where it seemed to throw a light on the peculiar use of a Latin word or phrase. E.g. chap. iv. 52, *De signis de quibus me interrogas*, stands thus in the revised text: *Praesagitiones eorum de quibus me interrogas*, with the marginal note כַּפְתִּים *indicia*, vaticinia seu praedictiones. v. 42, *novissimorum tarditas*; in the revised text: *posteriorum tarditas*, with the marg. note אַחֲרֹנִים; similarly in other places. vii. 33, *et longanimitas congregabitur*; in the revised text: *et finis imponetur patientiae*, marg. אֶכְפֵּךְ. In the same way a Greek word is sometimes introduced, and yet no one has ventured to maintain that the Greek was still extant. As in chap. x. 14, *ab initio ei qui fecit eam [=terram]*; in the revised text: *homini qui eam jam inde ab initio creavit*, marg. ἐργάσθαι, facere et colere, ut et עֲבָד. xiv. 9, *conversaberis*; in the revised text: *conversaberis*, marg. ἀναστρέψῃ.

¹ "Quin etiam eundem hunc librum inter canonicos descriptum in quibusdam antiqui aevi MSS. reperire est, non tamen in omnibus, nec sine discrimine aliquo. Namque in quodam pervetusto codice qui nostra in Bibliotheca adservatur, compactis in unum duobus canonicis libris Esdrae, secundus a primo capite hujusce quarti sumit exordium, haud dubie quia ejus illud initium est: *Liber Esdrae*

Prophetarum secundus; tum ex ejus atque tertii libri capitibus inter se permixtis quatuor libelli conficiuntur. Doctissimus Faber Ludovici XIII. praecceptor quemdam ejusdem quarti libri MS. adeo discrepare ab editione deprehendit, ut varias ejus lectiones Card. Baronio transmittendas putaret. Quae diversitas forte in causa est, cur nonnulla ab Ambrosio ex eodem libro citata in edito minime reperiantur." S. Ambrosii *Opp.* fol. Par. 1686, Vol. 1. 385.

The following is the passage referred to from the letter of Nic. Faber to Card. Baronius:

"Porro his litteris adiunxi exemplar donationis Othonis tertij discipuli Gerberti qui Silvester 2. dictus est, ex eodem illo volumine instrumentorum enius supra mentionem feci transcriptum: tum etiam duorum capitum priorum libri quarti Esdrae ex manuscripto Bibliorum codice non admodum vetusto ab editis valde dissidentium, vtrumque, ni fallor, valde sublestae fidei...

..... Duo autem illa capita, quod eam varietatem libri licet apocryphi antiquissimi tamen, cuiusque magni viri Clemens Alexandrinus & B. Ambrosius auctoritatem non defugerunt, doctissimis illis viris qui elegantissimis vtriusque linguae Bibliorum editionibus praefuerunt non ingrati fore existimaverim, & in eo vtilem quod ex isto fragmento quaedam in editis emendanda percipiunt sint." Nic. Fabri *Opuscula*, Par. 1618, p. 107.

feld's *Messias Judæorum*, and it is now regarded by the common consent of scholars as the oldest and best authority for the Latin text of our book. It is in the second volume of the Latin Bible now numbered MS. 11504, 11505, fonds Latin, Bibl. Nat., Paris¹. Sabatier described it as nine hundred years old at the time when he wrote (1751), and editors invariably speak of it in general terms as a MS. of the ninth century, but the precise date at which it was written is recorded in the MS. itself, viz. the eighth year of Louis le Débonnaire (=A.D. 822). Great as is the critical value of this MS., a still higher interest attaches to it in the history of the transmission of our book of Ezra, for the researches of Prof. Gildemeister lead to the conclusion that it once contained the lost verses, and that it is the parent of all later MSS. The following extract, translated from a letter which he has kindly sent me on the subject, will explain the process by which he has arrived at this important result:

"On collating the Codex Sangermanensis in 1865, I discovered that the missing passage between chap. vii. 35 and 36 was once contained therein. The verso of one leaf ends with: *et iniustitiae non dormibunt*, and the recto of the next begins with: *primus* (with a small *p*) *Abraham propter Sodomitas et Moyses*. But a leaf which originally came between (it was the sixth of the quire, if I am not mistaken) has been cut out, leaving about half an inch of its inner margin, so that the corresponding leaf remains fast in the binding. The inevitable inference then is that all known MSS., since none have been found without this lacuna, were derived from the Codex Sangermanensis. And this I have found fully confirmed by arguments drawn from the state of the text in the MSS. themselves; for I have myself collated a considerable number in the course of many years, and have been able to trace the gradual and at the same time arbitrary changes continually going on till the appearance of the first printed edition."

These remarks set vividly before us the high importance which would attach to the discovery of a MS. of this book, at least as old as the Cod. Sangerm. The existence of such a MS. in one of the libraries of Europe could scarcely be looked on as beyond the bounds of possibility, especially when we consider how large a field remained unexplored owing to the imperfect notices of the contents of a Lat. Bible given even in some of the better Catalogues of MSS. I have therefore for several

¹ See the ref. in *Nouveau Traité de Diplomatique*, huitième siècle jusqu'à la fin du seizième, dix-septième Livraison (1842), which contains a facsimile of 4 Ezra xvi. 78. Vol. vi. p. 638, and especially the Comte de Bastard's costly work, *Peintures des MSS. depuis le*

years availed myself of every opportunity of examining Latin biblical MSS. The book itself is not, according to my experience, so uncommon as is generally supposed¹; I found it in many Codices ranging from the thirteenth to the fifteenth centuries, but never without the lacuna. Meanwhile an article in the Catalogue of MSS. belonging to the Bibliothèque Communale of Amiens, by Mons. J. Garnier, Svo. Amiens, 1843, had caught my eye—it runs thus:

“10. Libri Esdrae. Vélin in-4°. 83 f.

d. r. L.² Corbie. 174. A.

IX^e. siècle. Ecriture minuscule rapide, peu soignée et de plusieurs mains, à 2 colonnes de 30 lignes, non réglées. Le premier feuillet est à demi détruit.

Esdras est ici divisé en 5 livres. Le 1^{er}. est composé des deux livres d'Esdras, appelés Canoniques; les quatre autres comprennent le 3^e. et le 4^e. de la Vulgate.

Le 2^e. du MS. est le 3^e. de la Vulgate; le 3^e. comprend les deux premiers chapitres; le 4^e. les chapitres 3 à 15; le 5^e. les chapitres 15 à 16 du 4^e. livre.

On lit à la fin: *Finit liber quintus Esdre profaete deo gratias ago pro hoc facto perfecto*. On y lisait autrefois: *Finiunt quinque libri*, mais ces trois mots ont été effacés pour y substituer l'autre formule.

A la suite est la préface de St. Jérôme *Utrum difficilius*. C'est sans doute cette division d'Esdras qui a fait dire à l'auteur du Catalogue de Corbie, à l'article de ce MS.: *Cela paraît curieux à examiner*. A moins qu'il n'ait entendu par là, les mots *abhinc non recipitur* ajoutés en tête du 2^e livre, et non *adhuc non recipitur*, comme on voit dans le catalogue publié par Montfaucon, qui désigne ainsi ce MS.: *Item*

¹ Laurence thus sums up the result of his investigations: “As the fourth book of Esdras was not translated by Jerome, it is of very rare occurrence in the MSS. of the Latin Bible. I have examined in all 187 MSS., 117 of which are in Oxford; viz. 86 in the Bodleian Library, 7 in St John's, 6 in Christ Church, 5 in Brazen Nose, 4 in New College, 4 in Magdalen, 3 in Corpus Christi, and 2 in the Radcliffe library; the remaining 70 being in the British Museum; but I have found it in only 13; viz. in 3 at the Bodleian, in 2 at New College, in 1 at Magdalen, and in 7 at the British Museum” (*Primi Ezrae libri...versio Aeth.* p. 283). My researches among the libraries at Cambridge give a higher average. I have examined a little more than 100

MSS. of the Latin Bible, and have found it in 12; viz. in 2 at the University Library, in 2 at St. Peter's, in 2 at St. John's, in 1 at Gonville and Caius, in 1 at St. Catharine's, in 1 at Jesus, in 1 at Emmanuel, in 1 at Sidney Sussex, and in 1 at the Fitzwilliam Museum; besides this, chapters i. ii., alone, are found in one MS. of the University Library and in one of Magdalen.

² i. e. Demi reliure de M. Le Prince, about whom M. Garnier has the following interesting notice: “M. Le Prince aîné, qui venait de quitter le commerce, offrit de consacrer ses loisirs à la reliure de ces volumes. Dès lors il alla à Paris étudier cet art auquel il était tout-à-fait étranger, et après un apprentissage qui dura près d'une année, il se créa

2 libri primi Esdrae semel et iterum et duo postremi semel tantum. cod. memb. saec. 9. nota quod initio 2 postremorum habetur eadem manu, Adhuc non recipitur."

Amid the revived interest in apocryphal literature, which has sprung up in this generation, and which has been especially concentrated on the criticism of the fourth book of Ezra, it struck me as very strange that so early a MS. should remain uncolated, nay, actually unnoticed, even by the three diligent scholars, Volekmar, Hilgenfeld, and Fritzsche, who have edited the Latin text in the course of the last twelve years. I pointed out to several learned friends the necessity of examining this copy, but, as nothing was done, I at last undertook the task myself. The perusal of a few verses served to shew the great value of this new critical aid; I read on with growing interest till I approached the place of the long-familiar chasm, then as my eye glided on to the words *et apparebit locus tormenti*, I knew that the oldest and the best translation of this passage was at last recovered, that another fragment of the old Latin was gathered up, and that now at last—an event which can scarcely happen again in these latter days—a new chapter would be added to the Apocrypha of our Bible¹.

It will be seen that this MS. of the books of Ezra once belonged to the Benedictine Abbey of Corbie, in the neighbourhood of Amiens. The history of the library of this abbey has been graphically told by M. L. Delisle². It appears that it had for

un atelier, revint à Amiens et, avec un zèle et une générosité sans exemple, donna à plus de 500 volumes et à ses frais, une reliure simple, riche, solide et convenable." (*Cat.* p. xxxi.)

¹ It would have been well if the compilers of our Articles had avoided the appearance of claiming even the qualified approval of Jerome for the 3rd and 4th of Ezra. "And the other books (as Jerome saith) the Church doth read for example of life and instruction of manners, but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine. Such are these following: the third book of Esdras, the fourth book of Esdras, etc." Art. VI. The language of Jerome here referred to is used by him expressly of Judith, Tob., the books of Macc., Wisd. and Ecclus. (*In Libros Salomonis, Chomatio et Heliodoro*, ed. Ben. i. 938, 939). He speaks in other terms of these books of Ezra: "Nec quemquam moreat quod unus a nobis editus liber est: nec apocryphorum tertii et

quarti somniis delectetur: quia et apud Hebraeos Esdrae Nehemiaeque sermones in unum volumen coarctantur: et quae non habentur apud illos, nec de vigintiquatuor senibus sunt, procul abjicienda" (*Ad Dominionem et Rogationum in Esdr. et Neh. Praef.*). Again, of the 4 Ezra: "Et proponis mihi librum apocryphum, qui sub nomine Esdrae a te et similibus tui legitur...quem ego librum nunquam legi. Quid enim necesse est in manus sumere, quod Ecclesia non recipit?" (*Adv. Vigilantium*, ed. Ben. iv. 283).

² *Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Chartes*, 1860, on p. 438 he sums up the history thus: "La bibliothèque de Corbie, l'une des plus considérables qui aient existé en France au moyen âge, est uniquement due au zèle des moines, qui, depuis le huitième siècle jusqu'au quinzième, travaillèrent sans relâche à l'enrichir, soit en copiant, soit en achetant des MSS. Les trésors patiemment amassés pendant près de huit cents ans sont dilapidés au seizième et

a long time been exposed to pillage, and when in 1636 Corbie was recaptured from the Spaniards by the troops of Louis XIII. it was thought advisable to transfer the most valuable portion of the literary treasures to the security of the capital of the kingdom. In consequence of a petition of the monks, four hundred select MSS., which had been taken to Paris, were not alienated from the order, but deposited in the Benedictine Abbey of St. Germain des Prés, *n'ayant personne qui soit si jaloux de conserver l'héritage de leurs pères que les propres enfants*. At the end of the next century these were transferred, somewhat diminished in number, to the Bibliothèque Nationale. The MSS. left at Corbie were removed to Amiens, probably in 1791, but from these again a selection was made, and seventy-five were sent to the Bibliothèque Nationale in 1803. The residuum however left at Amiens is by no means a contemptible collection, for it contains several MSS. of the ninth century, and among them the Lat. Version of the commentary of Theodore of Mopsuestia on the shorter epistles of St. Paul¹, which till lately was thought to be unique, and the volume which has furnished materials for the present work. Thus by a strange fatality the latter MS. has been lost in provincial obscurity, for had it been despatched to Paris with the four hundred in the seventeenth century, it would certainly have been examined by Sabatier; and if sent later, with the seventy-five, it could scarcely have escaped the notice of the scholars of the present century.

au commencement du dix-septième siècle. Beaucoup de MSS. de Corbie passent alors dans différentes collections particulières. Restaurée par les religieux de la congrégation de St. Maur, la bibliothèque de Corbie est menacée d'une suppression complète à la suite de la reprise de la ville de Corbie en 1636 par les troupes de Louis XIII. En 1638, quatre cents MSS., choisis parmi les plus importants, sont envoyés à Saint-Germain des Prés; de là ils arrivèrent à la Bibliothèque nationale en 1795 et 1796, à l'exception d'environ vingt-cinq volumes, qui avaient été volés en 1791, et qui doivent être pour la plupart à St. Pétersbourg. L'abbaye de Corbie conserva jusqu'à la Révolution près de quatre cents MSS. qu'on n'avait pas jugé à propos de porter à Paris en 1638. Cette suite de MSS., dans laquelle soixante-quinze volumes ont été pris en 1803 pour la Bibliothèque nationale, forme le fonds le plus curieux de la bibliothèque d'Amiens."

¹ No. 88, Corbie 51. F. It was published (the Com. on Gal., Eph., and Philem. entire, and various

readings only of the rest, resulting from a collation with what Rabanus Maurus had introduced under the name of Ambrose, in his commentary on these Epistles) by J. B. Pitra (*Spic. Solesm.* i. 1852), but erroneously assigned by him to Hilary of Poitiers (so cited even by Rönisch, *Itala u. Vulg.* ed. 2, p. 526). The true authorship was first discovered by Prof. J. L. Jacobi (*Deutsche Zeitschrift für Christliche Wissenschaft u. Christliches Leben* 1854, pp. 245—253), who subsequently edited the Com. on Phil., Col., and 1, 2 Thess. in five University Programmes, Halle, 1855—66 (the 4th and 5th are both entitled 'Pars iv.'). Mr. Hort, who arrived independently at the conclusion that Theodore of Mopsuestia was the author (*Journal of Classical and Sacred Philology*, Vol. iv. pp. 302—308. Cambridge, 1859), has lately recognized the same work in an anonymous exposition of St. Paul's Epistles among the treasures of the Brit. Museum (MS. Harl. 3063); so that all seems fully ripe for a complete critical edition of this valuable commentary.

I now proceed to give a more detailed description of this Amiens MS. of our book, which I propose to call¹ Cod. A. It consists of 84 leaves of 11 × 7 inches (32,² v. and 84, r. and v. being blank), apportioned into 11 gatherings of 8 leaves each, except the 8th and 11th gathering, which have only 6 leaves apiece. The first ten gatherings have signatures by an early hand, from A to K; these signatures are on the last page, except B, which is on the first³. In the pages which immediately follow this Introduction, all that I have attempted, is to reproduce this portion of the MS., line for line as it now appears, so far as it can be exhibited by means of ordinary type. It is necessary to mention this, in order that it may not be mistaken for the original reading, which has been so tampered with by erasures⁴, corrections, and additions, that it is often difficult to decipher. Further information on these points is given in the notes which follow (on pp. 51—54), where I have supplied, as far as I could, the letters which have been erased, and pointed out all that has been added by later hands. Being obliged to work at a distance from my MS., I have not been able to represent some characteristics of minor importance, such as the way in which words are spaced⁵. These and other defects may in some measure be remedied by the printed photograph of a page (fol. 65, r. chap. vii. 97—109 (39)), which I have inserted; but it is hoped that the Palæographical Society will undertake to perpetuate by indelible facsimiles the

¹ The letter A can scarcely be regarded as pre-occupied, since it has only been used by one editor (Fritzsche) to denote the Bibl. Eccles. Aniciensis Velaunorum, Tom. II., e bibliotheca Colbertina (Cat. Codd. MSS. Biblioth. Reg. Pars III. Tom. III. Paris, 1744, page 1, No. IV.), which contains no more of our book than the 'Confessio Hesdrae' (chap. viii. 20—36) written in smaller characters at the end of Nehemiah.

² This blank comes in the middle of a verse; fol. 32, r. b ends with *uocate adolescentes* and fol. 33, r. a goes on with the next words; *et ipsi indicabunt*...3 Ezra iii. 16.

³ As I have lately made use of a brief vacation to collate Cod. S., it may not be thought out of place to subjoin a few additional particulars with regard to that MS. The size of a leaf is 19½ × 13 inches; the gatherings are composed of 8 and occasionally of 10 leaves; the signatures, which in the Vol. examined by me are always on the last leaf, run on continuously from Vol. I. to Vol. II. A slight

inspection sufficed to shew the correctness of Prof. Gildemeister's statement with regard to the excision of a leaf, for in the gathering marked xxxviii., where 4 Ezra is found, there are only 7 leaves, of these 1 and 8 form a sheet, and so also 4 and 5; 2 and 7 are separate leaves pieced together, while 3 has no fellow, for 6 has been cut out with a knife, traces of which have been left on 5; the present pagination takes no account of this defect.

⁴ I have inserted an asterisk to indicate an erasure (generally of a single letter), which has not been written over.

⁵ The preposition and the word which follows generally cohere; chap. vi. 42 is a good illustration of the confusion which may arise from this habit of writing, here instead of *ut ex his sint*, Cod. A. has *ut exissent*, and for *a dō*, which stands both in Cod. A. and Cod. S., *adeo* is said to be the reading of Cod. T., and is adopted by Hilgenfeld and Fritzsche.

few precious pages, which have alone preserved this interesting fragment of the old Latin¹.

The character used in our MS. is the Carolingian minuscule. Capitals are occasionally introduced at the beginning of paragraphs. Two forms of the first letter are used indiscriminately, viz. *a* and *ā*, the latter sometimes resembles *cc* written closely together (see photograph, col. 1, l. 5). The diphthong is written *ae*, *æ* or *ę* (the lower loop in the last form is often added in different ink). The letters *b*, *d*, *h* and *l* are often thicker above and slightly curved. An instance of *c* joined by an upper stroke to *t* may be seen in the photograph, col. 2, line 28. A lengthened form of the letter *e* is frequently projected forward, especially on one of the letters *m*, *n*, *r*, *f*, *u* or *x*; a similar combination may be traced in the common form *cl*, from which *ec*, as sometimes written, differs but slightly. The letter *i* coming after *l* or *t* is occasionally produced a little below the line, after *m* or *n* it is sometimes written entirely below the line (e. g. in fol. 62, v. b, line 26). The letter *n* sometimes takes the uncial shape, and is found so written, especially at the end of a line, in combination with a stilted *T* (see photograph, col. 1, l. 10), more frequently however the *t* in *-nt* has the appearance of a long sloping line notched above, springing from the last stroke of the ordinary *n* (see photograph, col. 1, l. 12). The stem of the *r* is often extended below the line, and sometimes this letter is so linked with a following *t*, that it might easily be mistaken for *f* (see photograph, col. 1, l. 28). The letter *r* generally takes another form when preceded by *o*, e. g. *oz*. The letter *y* is dotted thus: *ȳ*. I have given an approximation to the form of the stops as they now stand in the MS., but there are frequent traces of a corrector's hand in the signs of interpunctuation².

The following is a list of abbreviations which are found in Cod. A.³

¹ I notice on a second visit to Amiens, that the numbers of the chapters and also marks, shewing the beginning and end of this particular piece, have been lately added on the margin by the zealous librarian, who has taken a lively interest in my discovery.

² A not unusual mark of interpunctuation in Cod. S. consists of a comma with two dots, thus ; as, for instance, *et delinquentes multos*; *Udit anima mea* . . . chap. iii. 29. . . *et abscondita est in infernum*; *fugit corruptio* . . . chap. viii. 53.

³ In Cod. S. we have *cū*, *d̄s*, *dūs*, *ē*, *ȳ*, &, *ū̄s*, *̄srl*, *itaq*; *ū̄ri*, *q̄*, *q̄l* (for *quod*), the usual compendia

for *per*, *prae* and *pro*, *scā*, *sp̄m*, *s̄*, *superauer*, *uasta-*
bunt, *l* intersected by a horizontal stroke for *uel*, *uri*;
besides *̄ms* (= *meus*), *om̄s* with the last stroke of
the *m* dropping below the line (= *omnis*), *om̄s*
(= *omnes*), *q̄* (= *quae*), *scedui*, *sceli*, *xps*; and among
the corrections, *fr̄* for *frater*. *qm̄* is, if I am not
mistaken, the uniform contraction for *quoniam* in
Cod. S., and *qm̄*, not *quum*, is the reading of this MS.
in vi. 8. The later sign for *et* (7) occurs in x. 5,
but only as an insertion above the line. For *quisq*,
see p. 29.

— over a vowel generally = *m*, as in *cū*, *cōmorantes*.

-b; = *-bus*, as in *temporib;*.

\overline{m} = *men*, as in *testamētis*.

-m ν = *-mus*, as in *altissim ν* .

\overline{r} = *-runt*, as in *fecer \overline{r}* .

t' = *tur*, as in *t'batio*.

-t² = *-tur*, as in *ostendet²*.

\overline{t} = *ter*, as in *tminus, diligent \overline{t}* .

\overline{u} = *-uit*, as in *plasma \overline{u}* .

\overline{x} = *-xit*, as in *dedu \overline{x}* .

tr = *autem* (xiv. 24, 36).

\overline{ds} = *deus*.

\overline{do} = *deo*.

\overline{dus} = *dominus*.

\overline{dun} = *domini*.

\overline{due} = *domine*.

ei' = *eius*.

$\overline{e} = \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \div = \end{array} \right\}$ *est*.

prod \div = *prodest*.

& = *et*.

dic& = *dicet*.

nequ&enebras = *neque tenebras*.

\overline{Ihs} = *Iesus*.

\overline{isrl} = *Israhel*.

m^e = *mihi*.

\overline{n} = *non*.

\overline{nr} = *noster*.

p = *per*.

p = *prae*.

p'm ν = *primus*.

\mathcal{P} = *pro*.

q: = $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ q; = \end{array} \right\}$ *que*.

neq: = $\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ neq; = \end{array} \right\}$ *neque*.

q¹ = *qui*.

\overline{qd} = *quod*.

$\overline{qm} = \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \overline{qum} = \\ \overline{quo} = \end{array} \right\}$ *quoniam*.

\overline{scm} = *sanctum*.

scificationem = *sanctificationem*.

\overline{spm} = *spiritum*.

\overline{s} = *sunt*.

tⁱ = *tibi*.

\overline{u} = *uel*.

\overline{uri} = *uestri*.

In the marginal and interlinear corrections are found other abbreviations, as: adūsus = *aduersus*, q' = *que*, neq' = *neque*, sic̄ = *sicut*, and l, with a horizontal stroke through the middle, for *uel*. The signs of abbreviation are sometimes altered or explained,

generally by another hand, thus *ostendet'* is altered to *ostendet*² vii. 36, *finiant'* to *finiant*² xiv. 9, *porregebat'* to *porregebat*² xiv. 39, *siccabit'* to *siccabit*² xv. 50 (*scrutinatur* to *scrutinat*² xvi. 63). *uel* is substituted for *ū* ix. 34, *ē* for *÷* vii. 87, *terra* for *īra* vii. 62, ^{bi} is added over *t*ⁱ vii. 44, ⁿ over *ā* in *quātū* vii. 74, and ^{it} over *ū* in *plasmaū* vii. 94. Words to be transposed are marked thus *"paradisus"* *ostendetur* vii. 123 (53). Words to be inserted are indicated by *'*, *z*, *:* or *·* prefixed¹.

It may be here mentioned that there are a few omissions in the text of this MS., occasioned generally by homoeoteleuton, which have not been supplied at a later period, e.g. *et amici*—*inuenietur* v. 9, 10; *et incontinentia*—*iustitia* v. 10, 11; the greater portion of vii. 104, the three words at the end of viii. 39; *et altare*—*humiliatum est* x. 21, 22; *et de lingua*—*flammae* xiii. 10; the whole of xi. 27 and of xvi. 43.

Accents are by no means of rare occurrence; the following selection will give a fair idea of the way in which they are used²: *excīdi* i. 20, *Iohēlis* i. 39, *tuēre* ii. 20, *consumemus* iv. 15, *plasmātis* v. 26, *ēa* vii. 74, *plāsmatum* vii. 92, *adfīnis* vii. 103, *tēnebris* vii. 125 (55), *indignēris* viii. 30, *confidērunt* viii. 30, *amarīsceris* viii. 34, *proximastī* viii. 47, *lugēre* x. 4, 7, 9, 11, *prōditi* x. 22, *pāteris* x. 50, *comparēre* xi. 19, *potiōno* xiv. 38, *allīdent* xv. 60, *odītā* xv. 60, *combūret* xvi. 54.

uīs vi. 52, *mouērīs* vii. 15, *loquērīs* vii. 38, *fulgēre* vii. 97, *coercēre* vii. 116 (46), *solūis* vii. 118 (48).

The general characteristics of Cod. A. may be gathered from the following classified lists of its principal deviations from the textus receptus on points of orthography and grammar. As it will be convenient to have a comparative view of the distinctive features of the two leading MSS., I have attached an asterisk to every citation where Cod. A. and Cod. S. coincide, and have thrown into the foot-notes further examples of a similar kind from the latter MS. I have always quoted the original reading, and have not thought it necessary for my present purpose to record subsequent corrections.

The interchange of vowels:

a for **e**: *disparsistī* v. 28*, *insaniantes* xv. 30, *panna* xi. 12.

e for **a**: *castigere* v. 30, *praeparetum* ii. 13, *treiecientes* xii. 29 (*treicientes* Cod. S.).

a for **i**: *asaac* iii. 15, *chaemem* vii. 41.

¹ In Cod. S. words to be transposed are thus marked: *"terram"* *omnem* xv. 11; words to be inserted have *'*. prefixed.

² I subjoin a similar selection from Cod. S. *ā* xvi. 16, 78, *āperi* v. 37, *ēa* xvi. 8, *ēs* vi. 38, viii. 7,

37, etc. *hīs* iv. 43, vi. 54, x. 59, xv. 45, xvi. 19, 21 etc. *hōs* xii. 24, *ō* iv. 38, vii. 118 (48), viii. 6. *tū* iv. 34.—Strokes over *i*: *ciliēlis* xvi. 2, *inītum* xvi. 18.

conuertēris xiv. 9, *exīle* xii. 2, *paucērem* x. 25, *persuadēre* x. 20, *radicīs* iii. 22, *splendērent* vi. 2.

i for a: *niscebar* v. 35.

a for o: *natho* xv. 39 (*natū* Cod. S.).

aa for a: *Ezrau* (voc.) xiv. 2, 38.

ae for e¹: *adpraehendentur* v. 1, *aegimus* xii. 41, *Aegyptae* xvi. 1*, *aepuli* ix. 47, *aescas* ix. 34, *Aezra* vii. 2, *castae* vii. 122 (52), *conpraehendere* iv. 2, *depraecatio* xii. 7, *diae* vi. 53, *fuciae* i. 11*, *faemur* xv. 36, *falsae* viii. 28, *fumae* xv. 57, 58, *gaelus* vii. 41, *impiue* viii. 35, *intellegitae* vii. 37, *interpretaetiones* xiv. 8, *inuanae* iv. 16, *ipsae* xiii. 26, *malae* vii. 121 (51), *praetiosa* vii. 57, *saccum* xi. 30, *saecundo* vi. 41, *saepulehrum* v. 35, *splendidae* viii. 29, *speciae* xv. 46, *uaenae* iv. 7, *uaer* vii. 41, *usquaequo* vi. 59.

e for ae: *Aezre* i. 1, *coherentes* xii. 19 (*quoherentes* Cod. S.), *meroribus* x. 12.

e for i²: *concedit* xiii. 11, *complecationem*³ vii. 93, *demedii* xiii. 45, *erigere* xi. 25, *incederent* xiii. 23, *iteneris* xiii. 45, *perdedisti* iii. 9, *reicciet* v. 7, *sede* ix. 26, *sterelis* v. 1*, *uigelau* xii. 3, and in the abl. *inimitabile* vi. 44.

i for e: *acciperunt* xiv. 30, *discendentem* xiii. 12, *interfici* i. 11*, *lugio* viii. 16, and in the old plur. termination -is, as *accipientis* viii. 56, *aduenientis* iv. 12, *dispositionis* iv. 23, *tristis* x. 8*, *uenientis* vii. 69.

-er for -ur⁴: *uiderenter* xiii. 11.

i for ii⁵: *labis* xiii. 10.

ii for i: *audii* vii. 2, *hii*, *hiis*, *lociis* xvi. 71, *nolii* ii. 27, *tenebriis* xiv. 20.

i inserted: *immaturios* vi. 21.

i for u: *corriptibile* vii. 96, *quadripedia* vii. 65.

i for y: *abisos* iii. 18, *Ægipto* xiv. 29, *Assiriorum* xiii. 40.

y for i: *cybabunt* xvi. 69, *Sydonis* i. 11, *sydus* xv. 13.

o for u⁶: *baiolans* iii. 21*, *edocauit* xvi. 68, *latibolis* ii. 31, *mormurastis* i. 15, *nas-*

¹ This change is not so common in Cod. S., it occurs however in a few other cases, besides those marked thus *: e.g. *aeducam* ii. 15, *aegenti* ii. 20, *aequi* xv. 35 (we have oe for e in *poenes* ii. 8). On the other hand examples of e for ae are much more numerous in this MS., e.g. *Abdie* i. 39, *acute* xvi. 13, *aduene* xvi. 41, *alique* xi. 21, *aque* iv. 49, *corone* v. 42, *deputate* vi. 57, *diuise*, *due* xi. 24, *leticia* i. 37, *mee* ii. 29, *passé* x. 22, *querentem* v. 34, *spice* iv. 32, with many others, especially the plurals of the 1st decl.

² In Cod. S. *abebo* xiv. 19, and some ablatives of

the 3rd decl., as *de mare* xi. 1, xiii. 2, 5.

i for e: *exili* xii. 30, and in the pl. as *cogitationis* xvi. 55, *praesentis* v. 45, vi. 5, *similis* v. 52.

³ Comp. Schnnhardt, *Der Vocalismus des Vulgärlateins*, Vol. II. p. 4.

⁴ In Cod. S., *effieienter* viii. 50.

⁵ In Cod. S., *ite fili* ii. 2; the converse, ii for i, does not seem to be so common in this MS.

⁶ In Cod. S., *laptos nostros* viii. 17, *tremor multos* xv. 36, *sobsessor* xv. 33.

u for o: *iustus omnes* iii. 11, *populus* acc. pl. iii. 12, *coadulescentia* iv. 10.

centor xii. 18, *tonicas* ii. 39*, and in the case-endings of substantives, so that the 2nd decl. becomes substituted for the 4th, *excesso* x. 37*, *flatos* v. 37*, *gemitos* i. 19*, *incenso* (sic) v. 1, *tumulto* xii. 2.

u for **o**: *agricula* viii. 41, *butro* ix. 21 (*butru* Cod. S.), *chaus* v. 8*, *cognoscere* ix. 12, *curuscabit* xvi. 10, *intrusus* xiv. 33, *nun* xvi. 10, *populus* (acc. pl.) i. 11*, *pupulum* vii. 129 (59), *prumptuariis* iv. 35*, *turmentis* xii. 26.

u for **au**¹: *clusum* xiv. 41, *clusit* xvi. 59.

u inserted: *continguent* xiii. 32, *prolongauit* xiv. 17.

The interchange of consonants:

b² for **u**: *praeteribit* vii. 46, etc.

u for **b**: *conlaudaueris* x. 16*, *conseruauis* xiv. 46, *multiplicauit* v. 2*, *uiuificauit* v. 45*, etc., *odiulem* xv. 48.

c for **ch**: *carta* xv. 2 (*cartha* Cod. S.).

ch for **c**: *Abbachuc* i. 40.

c for **qu**³: *cotidie* iv. 23*.

qu or **q** for **c**: *consequuti* ix. 10, *loquutus* xiii. 21.

c for **t**⁴: *iniciis* vii. 30*, *negociantur* xvi. 48, in vii. 98 *fiducia* has been altered to *fidutia*.

ch for **h**: *chaemem* vii. 41, *gechennae* vii. 36.

h for **ch**: *brahio* xv. 11.

ct for **t**: *conplecte* xi. 44 (*conplecta* Cod. A. sec. man. and Cod. S.).

d for **t**⁵: *quando* xii. 44; comp. *sedes* for *sitis* viii. 59.

t for **d**: *aliut* vi. 10*, etc., *aput* ix. 35, etc., *istut* i. 18, *situs* xv. 39.

f for **ph**: *Eufraten* xiii. 43, *Faraonem* i. 10, *Ferezeos* i. 21*, *Finees* i. 2*, *orfunum* ii. 20*, *profetiae* xv. 1, *Sofoniae* i. 40.

g for **c**: *gogitationibus* xv. 3.

h omitted⁶: *imnus* x. 22, *oras* ix. 44.

h prefixed: *habierunt* x. 22, *habundantiam* iii. 2*, *harena* (sic) iv. 17 (*harene* Cod. S.),

¹ In Cod. S., *clusa* v. 37.

² In Cod. S., **b** for **p**: *obtabas* ii. 41, *obproprium* iv. 23.

ph for **b**: *Choreph* ii. 33.

³ In Cod. S., *anticum* vii. 30 (*antiquum* Cod. A.).

qu for **c**: *quoherentes* xii. 19.

⁴ In Cod. S., *iusticiae* vii. 35, *iniusticia* vi. 19,

iniusticiae vii. 35, *pudiciciam* vi. 32, *sicientes* i. 22.

⁵ In Cod. S., *capud* xi. 31, *deliquit* viii. 35, *quod* ix. 10.

t for **d**: *quot* viii. 62, ix. 29, 34, x. 48.

⁶ In Cod. S., *umidam* vi. 52.

h prefixed: *Danihelo* xii. 11, *helati* viii. 20.

Huriel v. 20 (*Hurihel* Cod. S.), *Johélis* i. 39*, *Israhel* iii. 32, etc., *Orihel* iv. 1 (*Horihel* Cod. S.).

n omitted: *contigebat* xi. 19, and in participles, as: *dices* vii. 38, *meties* ix. 1*.

n inserted¹: *linguum* i. 23, *millensima* vii. 138 (68)*, *praestans* viii. 8*, and so the *n* of the present is retained in the perfect and its derivatives, as: *derelinqui* x. 5, xii. 48*, *derelinquisti* xiii. 54, *derelinqueris* xii. 44* (comp. *delinquet* viii. 35, *deliquid* Cod. S.), *uincerit* vii. 115 (45), 128 (58).

p inserted between **m** and **n**: *condempnare* iv. 18*.

t for **th**: *talamo* x. 1.

th for **t**: *notho* xv. 20.

ll for **l**: *camelli* xv. 36, *corruptella* vi. 28, vii. 113 (43), *medella* vii. 123* (53), *tutelam* i. 15.

mm for **m**: *mammellarum* viii. 10*².

nn for **n**: *Channaneos* i. 21.

rr for **r**: *corruscationem* vii. 40, *errant* xiii. 8, *conterretur* xvi. 11, *exterrent* xv. 43, 60, *exterrant* xv. 40, *catterruerunt* xv. 45*.

ss for **s**³: *Assia* xv. 46, *bellicosum* xiii. 9, *cassus* vii. 118 (48), etc. (but *casui* iii. 10*), *confussi* xvi. 66, *haessitemini* xvi. 76, *missit* xvi. 62, *possuit* xvi. 62, *possitum* xiv. 20, *repossita* xiii. 18, *quessiui* xiii. 7, *abussi* ix. 9, *uissionis* xii. 10, xiii. 25, *in uissionem* xiv. 17.

On the other hand:

f for **ff**: *difficile* vii. 59.

m for **mm**: *consúmemus* iv. 15*.

s for **ss**: *abisos* iii. 18, *abvsos* viii. 23, *abvsum* xvi. 58, *carisimum* vii. 104, *confesi* ii. 47, *fsuris* xvi. 29, *fortasis* iv. 8, *misa* xvi. 16, *dimisa* xvi. 13, *emisa* xvi. 16, *inmisus* xvi. 3, *inmisa* xvi. 5, *inmisam* xvi. 7, *internissione* x. 39, *promisum* vii. 119 (49), *presurac* ii. 27*, *abscisa* vii. 114 (44)*, *discisa* ix. 38*, *sesionem* ii. 23.

t for **tt**: *commitenda* i. 26*, *sagita* xvi. 16, *sagitam* xvi. 7, *sagitarío* xvi. 7.

Non-assimilation⁴: *adcedebant*, *adfines*, *adligabit* xvi. 27, *adnuntia**, *adposui**, *adprehendere**, *adpropinquauit**, *adpropriauerunt*, *adsimilata*, *adsumeretur*, *adtendit**,

*conlaudabunt**, *conlident**, *conmirationem**, *conparuit**, *conponet**, *conpraehendere**.

¹ In Cod. S., *uidens* x. 42.

² There are not many examples in Cod. S. of this doubling of the consonant, yet there are two not found in Cod. A., viz. *Babillonem* iii. 28, *sumam* ii. 11.

³ Cod. S. has **x** for **s**: *inertimabilis* viii. 21.

⁴ In Cod. S. Non-assimilation: *adferet*, *adlident*, *adquesisti*, *adtamen*, *conburent*, *conprehendere*, *inmaturus*, *inreligiose*.

*inlata**, *inluminatus**, *inmensum**, *inmisit**, *immortale**, *inpigri**, *inproperavit**, *inproperium**, *inrita*, *irritauerunt*, *obprobrium* (*obproprium* Cod. S.).

subpleam.

(**Assimilation**¹: *accedat**, *aspectus**, *aspicias**, *allident*, *apparuit**, *appropinquat* viii. 61*, *collegi** etc., *irritum**.)

s retained after **ex**: *expectate*, *extiti*, *exultatio*, *exsurget*.

s omitted after **ex**²: *exultant**.

Substantives: *opere*³ for *opera* xiv. 21*, *nubs* xv. 34*, *uaso* vii. 88 (and in vi. 56, Cod. S.), *curris* for *curribus* xv. 29*⁴, *sonus* for *soni* vi. 13*.

A neuter instead of a masc. termination, as: *conturbatum est intellectum tuum* x. 31*, *crescit sensum* vii. 64, *unde fructum fiat* viii. 6*, *factum est fructum* ix. 32*.

Adjectives and Pronouns⁵: *solo* (dat.) iii. 14*.

Sibimetipso xiii. 6 (comp. *sibimetipsos* Cod. S.), *tibimetipso* iv. 20*, and *haec* nom. pl. fem. vii. 80 (see note).

Verbs:

Under this head may be noticed: The frequent use of *-at* etc. for *-et* etc.⁶, and vice versa, as: *deficiat* xv. 13, *ferant* vii. 18, *adferat* xiii. 23, *inducat* xv. 12, *rapiant* xvi. 47,—*colet* xvi. 25, *dispergentur* ii. 7, *faciem* i. 30, *reuertetur* xi. 46, *uiuent* xiv. 22.

The fut. of the 2nd conj. in *-eam*, as: *doceam* iv. 4*, x. 38* (but *docebis* xii. 38*), *respondeam* viii. 25* (comp. *appareas* xi. 45* Vulg.).

The fut. of the 3rd conj. in *-ebo*, as: *confidebunt* vii. 98 (see note).

The fut. of the 4th conj. in *-ibo*, as: *dormibunt* vii. 35* (comp. *custodiuit* for *-bit* xiii. 23* Vulg.).

The form *poterint*⁷ for *-runt* vii. 102 (see note).

¹ (In Cod. S. Assimilation: *accedebant*, *annunciante* xi. 16, *irrita*, *irritauerunt*, *suppleam*.)

² In Cod. S., **s** omitted after **ex**: *expectate*, *extiti*, *exultatio*.

³ There are more instances of this plur. in Cod. S., e.g. viii. 33 (where the word is omitted in A., but implied by the forms *multae repositae*), ix. 7, xiii. 23, xvi. 55.

⁴ In Cod. S. we have the gen. *parti* (for *partus*) xvi. 39, *tumulti* xii. 2,—gen. pl. *mensum* vi. 21.

⁵ *Illum* xvi. 40* is rather a masc. (the subst. *saeculum* taking its gend. from the Greek, see p. 18) than an archaic form for *illud*.

⁶ In Cod. S., *bibant* xv. 58, *faciat* xv. 56. In this MS. *-bant* is often written for *-bunt*, as: *cogitabant* xiii. 31, *lugebant* xv. 44, *manducabant* xv. 58, *recapitulabant* xii. 25; and *-bunt* for *-bant*, as *habita-* *bunt* iii. 12.

⁷ Similarly in Cod. S., *erint* xvi. 66, 70, 72.

The following forms among the compounds of *-eo*: *exiebat* xi. 10*, xiii. 4*, *exientem* xii. 17*; *practerientes* v. 55 (*practerientis* Cod. S.), *prodientem* xvi. 39 (*prodiente* Cod. S.), *prodiendum* xvi. 40*.

The use of certain verbs as deponents¹, e.g. *certati sunt* vii. 92 (see note), *fluctatur* xvi. 12*, *haessitemini* xvi. 76 (*esitemini* (sic) Cod. S.), *scrutinatur* xvi. 63, *trepidentur* xv. 29*.

The act. for the depon.², as: *consules* xii. 8 (*consulus* Cod. S.), *consolare* (inf.) x. 41*, *consulare* (inf.) x. 49, *demolient* xv. 42* (comp. the pass. in x. 21*, xv. 61*), *dominabit* iii. 28*, *dominare* (inf.) vi. 57, vii. 5, *dominauit* xi. 32 (-bit Cod. S.), *dominabunt* xii. 23*, *interpretai* xii. 12*, *zelabo* xv. 52*, *zelabunt* ii. 28* (depon. in xvi. 49*, 50*, 51*).

Among compound verbs we find both *oboedierunt* i. 8, and *obaulire* i. 24*; both *adiecere* viii. 55, *proiece* i. 8, xiv. 14, *proiecierunt* xvi. 24, *reieciat* v. 7, *treiecientes* xii. 29, and *adiciam* ix. 41*, *proiciam* i. 30*, 33*³.

Adverbs:

certum xii. 7*, *inuanae* iv. 16, *iteratum* v. 13, *solum modum* vii. 54⁴, *ualide* xiii. 8, in other places *ualde*.

Construction.

Prepositions joined to a wrong case⁵: *a sydus terribile* xv. 13 (*a sidus terr-* Cod. S.), *ad dextris* vii. 7, *coram quem* vii. 87 (see note), *ut essetis mihi in populo* i. 29, *eram in Babilonem* iii. 1*, *super tenebris nigrae* vii. 125 (55), *qui habitant in eum* xv. 14*.

Mistakes in gender⁶: *buxos multos* xiv. 24*, *finem suam* xii. 30*, *fontes meae* ii. 32, *labore multa* ix. 46, *sidus terribilem* xv. 40*, *somnii quem* xiii. 53*, *a multo timore quam* xii. 5*. There seems to be a tendency to use *factum est* (ἐγένετο) as a fixed form,

¹ In Cod. S., *somniatur* x. 36.

² In Cod. S., *scrutus* for *scrutaris* xii. 4.

³ In Cod. S., *adiecere*, *proice*, *proicientur*, *treiecientes*.

⁴ There are other instances in Cod. S., viz. viii. 5, ix. 24 (*solum modum flores*, but *solummodo de floribus* in the same verse) and xiii. 9.

⁵ The scribe of Cod. S. indulges even more freely in this species of error; he confuses *a* (*ab*) and *ad*, as, *a te alia loquar* xiii. 56, *ab orientalem* xv. 39, *ad dextera parte* xi. 12, *ad dextra parte* xi. 20, 35, xii. 29, *ad leua* xi. 35 (comp. 'à droite,' 'à gauche'), *ad eminenti* xvi. 61, *ualde ad me* v. 19, *recessit ad me*

v. 19, and deals thus with other prepositions: *cum laborem* x. 47, *de mare* xi. 1, xii. 11, xiii. 2, 5, *de omnem hominem* viii. 15, comp. viii. 16, 55, xi. 10, xvi. 73, *profectus est . . . in ciuitate* xii. 50, *post aliis tres dies* xiii. 56, *prae multos* x. 57, *pro desolationem* xii. 48. Cases like *ex* with the gen. v. 23, 24 (Codd. A., S.), and *de* with the gen. xi. 29 (Cod. S. and apparently in Cod. A. originally), are in imitation of the Greek.

⁶ Add from Cod. S., *omnis corpus* xii. 3, *nubem, quem* xv. 39, *paradiso, quam plantauit*, iii. 6, *est factum . . . casus* vii. 118 (45).

independent of the gender of the subject, as: *factum est permanens infirmitas* iii. 22 (comp. *et factum est species uultus eius altera* Luc. ix. 29 Cod. Amiat.); similarly, *et cum* (om. *cum* Cod. A.) *adhuc esset eis apertum poenitentiae locus* ix. 12*.

Sometimes the mistake in gender seems to be due to the influence of the Greek, as in the following examples: *creatus est saeculum* (ὁ αἰών) vi. 59, *qui nondum uigilat saeculum* vii. 31*, *saeculum qui ab eo factus est* ix. 2*, *certaminis* (ἀγώνος) *quem* vii. 127 (57)*, *in campum* (τὸ πεδίον) *quod uocatur* ix. 26*, *omnem peccatum* (ἁμαρτίαν) xvi. 51*, *hoc enim erat duorum capitum* (κεφαλῶν) *maior* xi. 29*, *multitudinem* (τὸ πλῆθος) *...quod paratum erat* xiii. 11*.

Among other peculiarities of construction may be noticed¹: *oblivisci* with acc. of pers. i. 6* (with gen. i. 14*, xii. 47*); *obaudire* with acc. i. 24*; the double acc. with certain verbs, as: *folia arborum uos texi* i. 20* (comp. Ezech. xviii. 7 Hebr., and LXX. Alex., Luc. xxiii. 11, Cod. Bezae, Gk. and Lat.), *bibe quod te potiono* xiv. 38* (comp. Ps. lxix. 22 Hebr., LXX., Lat., Cod. Sangerm.)²; instances of twofold government, as: *nolite similari* (-ure Cod. A., pr. m.), *eam nec operibus eius* xvi. 52*; the inf. preceded by *ad*, as: *ad expugnare* xiii. 28*, 34, see Rönisch (*It. u. Vulg.* p. 430), who compares *à* before the inf. in French; a more general use of *et* to introduce an apodosis after *et factum est*, as in *et missus est* vii. 1*, *et feci* ix. 47*; the omission of the substantive verb in a relative clause, as: *his qui nunc* ix. 18*, *qui cum eo* xi. 31.

Very few of the anomalies exhibited in the foregoing examples have escaped revision. In both MSS. the hands of correctors, some of an early date, have been busy at work, assimilating the abnormal spelling, inflection, and construction to the classical standard of biblical Latin. Thus not only much that was rustic and rugged has been polished, but many an archaic form and phrase has been swept away, which constituted a marked feature of the original translation. Alterations meet us at every step: a letter regarded as superfluous has a short stroke or point (sometimes two points) below it (the points are often placed above in Cod. S.), or is erased. The most common corrections are *o* with *v* written above, *u* by a slight curve converted to *o*, *i* by a loop in lighter ink to *e*, and *e* to *i* by a long line drawn through it: *u* is changed by a continuation of its first stroke to *b*. The *et* of the apodosis was a frequent stumbling-block to the revisers, and there are many cases where it has been obscured or obliterated. The numerous corrections, and especially the erasures, form the chief difficulty

¹ Cod. S. has *parentes* with acc. xvi. 72.

² For *arguo* with double acc., see below, p. 33.

in the collation of these MSS., and sometimes I have only been able to ascertain the genuine reading by a careful comparison of the faint traces left in the two MSS.

I have thus attempted to describe in detail the chief peculiarities of these two MSS., on account of the foremost rank which they will henceforth hold in settling the text of the Latin translation of the 4th book of Ezra. Nothing remains now but to consider the particular arguments in virtue of which Cod. S. is claimed as the ultimate source of all later MSS., and then to determine the relation in which Cod. A. stands to it, and the value to be assigned to this new authority in the criticism of the book. In pursuance of the first of these objects, I now resume my translation of Prof. Gildemeister's important letter at the point where he adduces various examples in proof of his statement that all later MSS. may be traced back to Cod. S. The foot-notes exhibit the readings of MSS. collated by myself.

* In vi. 12, Cod. S. has *sequente praeedente*, the former word being dotted above as erroneous; in five¹ later MSS. both these words are found. In the same verse, Cod. S. and one MS. besides have *ex parte*², another has *parte*, which the rest have converted into *partem*. In iv. 23, *data est*, the original reading of Cod. S., has been corrected to *deducta est*; here one MS. gives *data est deducta*, the first word dotted below. In iv. 24, Cod. S. had originally *nostra et pauor*, but *et* is altered, probably by the first hand, to *est* (thus: *ēt*), and most MSS. have this reading; but one has *et pauor*³, which was corrected in others to *ut pauor*, and in the printed text to ...*nostra stupor et pauor*. In iii. 8, Cod. S. has the reading *in ira*⁴, in which it is followed by a number of MSS.; in some this passes into *mira*, in others into *iniqua*. The number of these examples might be considerably increased."

"In the very inaccurate text of Cod. S. there are many erasures, as well as corrections, made by various hands not easily to be distinguished; a few of the latter seem to result from the collation of another MS. The MS. nearest allied to Cod. S. is one of the fourteenth or perhaps the thirteenth century, which frequently exhibits the readings of Cod. S. that have become corrupted in later copies. For example, this MS. has not *oro*⁵ vi. 12, nor *orauit*⁶ vii. 36, nor *uenerunt* vii. 38, the first of which has

¹ Among the later MSS. examined by me, C. 6, L. 7, O. 3, 6, and W. have *sequenti praeedente*, C. 12 has only *sequenti*.

² I have found *ex parte* in C. 10, 11, H. and L. 5.

³ *Et pauor* is also the reading of C. 6, 12, O. 3,

and W., and *ut pauor* of L. 7. Another variant is *et uita nostra pauor*, found in C. 10, 11, and L. 5.

⁴ See below, p. 32.

⁵ The word *oro* is omitted in C. 3, 9, H., L. 3, 4, O. 1.

⁶ The absence of a verb in Cod. S. is now explained by the recovery of the lost part of the

been added in many, and the second and third in all other copies, in order to complete the sense; it stands alone with Cod. S. in having all the words in the following group¹: *uoluptate* iii. 8, *delinqui* iii. 31, *ualidis* vii. 42, *avis* xi. 19 (corrupted in others to *aliis*, *alis*, *illis*). The original of the MS. in question was copied from Cod. S. before some of the corrections had been inserted, and so we find there *dedit* iii. 5 (comp. the Syr. and Aeth.), as also in Cod. S. pr. m., for *dedisti*² is from a second hand. In iv. 17 this MS. has *harene* and *eam* as Cod. S., where however the former has been altered to *harena*, the latter to *eum*. Again, in iv. 21 the *quae* before the last *super* is absent from this MS., in Cod. S. it has been added later. On the other hand, some corrections had been already introduced, e.g. in iii. 22, Cod. S. had originally *malum*, and in iii. 26 and iv. 4 *cor malum*, where in each case the adj. is altered to *malignum*, and this is the reading found in that MS. Other copies have introduced in iii. 26 the further corruption *corde maligno*."

"In attempting therefore to restore the earliest form of the Latin, we must always make Cod. S. our starting-point; all other MSS. which have the lacuna after vii. 35 are worthless. It is only an uncritical dilettantism that would construct a text, by balancing the readings of Cod. S. with the arbitrary variations of two or three MSS. which are copied from it. Cod. S. certainly offers no intelligible text, and yet it forms the only basis for conjecture."

From my own examination of Cod. S. and other MSS. I could bring forward many arguments of a like kind in support of the conclusion at which Prof. Gildemeister arrives. For instance, in ii. 40, Cod. S. has *respice* altered to *recipe*; the latter I have found in the majority of MSS., but the former is by no means uncommon³. In iii. 17, Cod. S. has *factus est* corrected to *factum est*; the latter is the usual reading in MSS.; the uncorrected form is retained in Codd. C. 6, O. 3, T. and W. (in C. 12 we find *factus es*). So *jacit* has been altered to *fecit* in iii. 31, Cod. S.; the original reading is again represented by Codd. C. 6, 12, O. 3, T. and W., and the correction by the majority of MSS. The untenable construction *ut non decurrunt*, which Cod. S. presents in vi. 24, naturally gave rise to two readings, *et non decurrent*, C. 6, 12, L. 7, O. 3, T., W. and Vulg., and *ut*

chapter; the last word on the leaf cut out of this MS. was doubtless *rogavit*.

¹ I have not found a MS. with the readings of Cod. S. in all these passages, a considerable number however (C. 3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 11., L. 1, 2, 3, 6, O. 1, 2, 5, 6) have the word *uoluptate*; C. 1 has *delinqui*;

C. 1, 3, 9, 11., L. 4, 9, O. 1, 6, have *pro ualidis*, and C. 10 has (not *avis*, but) *auibus*.

² See below, p. 25.

³ *recipe* Codd. C. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 11., L. 1, 5, O. 1, 2, 3, 5, and W.; *respice* Codd. C. 7, 8, 14, L. 2, 4, 6, 7, O. 6, 7.

non decurrent, which proves to be correct and is found in most MSS.¹ Again, Cod. S. had originally *sed non in tempore non omnia...saluantur*, viii. 41, but the second *non* has been struck out; here also the uncorrected text is preserved in Codd. C. 6, 12, D., L. 7, O. 3, T. and W., the corrected text in most other MSS. A few verses lower down (viii. 45), Cod. S. has *tu enim creaturae misereris*, with *ae* added above the line after the first word; this is probably the source of the variations which are found in this passage, e.g. *tu enim creat. mis.* C. 5, 10, 11, O. 5, *tue enim creat. mis.* C. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, H., L. 9, O. 1, 2, 6, and *tu autem creaturae tuae misereris*, C. 2, 6, 12, D., L. 7, O. 3, T., W. and Vulg. In x. 20, the word *hunc*, which was left out by the transcriber of Cod. S., has been supplied on the margin; as there written it stands before *sermonem* (the first word of the line), but a slight mark is inserted to indicate that it has been omitted after that word; hence we meet with it in both positions, *hunc sermonem* in Codd. C. 2, 6, 12, D., L. 7, O. 3, T., W. and Vulg., and *sermonem hunc* in most of the MSS. I will now give an example of another kind, but one no less convincing: in xi. 32, *et dominabitur qui inhabitant terram in ea* is the reading of Cod. S., but the Oriental versions alone (if we had no other evidence) are sufficient to prove that *terram* has crept in from the preceding clause (comp. the usual formula which occurs in verse 34, xii. 23, 24, and elsewhere); but this word once introduced through Cod. S. has, in spite of all efforts to rectify the construction, remained to this day a disturbing force in all MSS. and printed editions². In xv. 36, the original reading in Cod. S. is *femur*, but the letter *r* is written with an upward flourish, so that at first sight it would be readily mistaken for an *f*³; to make the word in some sort intelligible, an *i* has been drawn through the *e*, and thus the strange reading *fimus* has passed into subsequent copies⁴.

It seems superfluous to accumulate examples of this kind, yet the argument would be incomplete if I did not call attention to the lacunae as furnishing weighty evidence in determining the pedigree of MSS. Now wherever words have been omitted in Cod. S.,

¹ In vi. 34, Cod. S. has *ut non properas*, which has been emended in like manner to *ut non properes*. The reading, *et non properes*, retained by modern editors from the Vulg., seems not to be countenanced by the MSS.

² C. 10 has *et dominabantur qui inhabitant terram in ea*, but the effect of the insertion of *terram* has generally been to drive the words *in ea* from their position, as in Cod. T.: *et dominabitur in ea hiis qui habitant terram*, and they are similarly placed

after the principal verb in most Codices, as C. 2, 4—5, 11, 12, D., H., L. 7, O. 2, 3, 5, 7, and W., while in C. 3, 9, O. 1, they are expelled as a hindrance to the sense.

³ A few verses lower down (xv. 45) there is a similar confusion between these two letters in the same MS.; hence the two variations, *constantes* in the Vulg., *constanter* in most MSS.

⁴ In some early editions it is printed *fumus*, hence Coverdale's translation: *and the smoke of man unto ye Camels lytter*.

they seem to have been lost for all subsequent MSS. To quote a few instances, in vii. 112 (42) the subject of *orauerunt* is wanting in Cod. S. and apparently in all later copies; Volckmar supplies it by the insertion of *ualidi*, which gives the sense, though, as we shall see, not the language of the original Latin. A comparison with the other versions will disclose important lacunae common to Cod. S. and later MSS. in the following passages: ix. 20, x. 60—xi. 1, xi. 2, and xiii. 22. In xii. 11, *quartum* has evidently dropped out after *regnum*, and so this indispensable epithet has ever since been absent from the Latin text. The Oriental versions point to the presence of *loquar* before *coram te* in xiv. 18; that word is not in Cod. S., nor have I detected it in any other MS. When an omission creates a void that may be felt, it is but natural that attempts should be made by copyists to fill it up; we have an instance of this in a passage already quoted, vii. 106 (36), where the removal of a leaf from Cod. S. has left the clause without its verb, and *orauit* has been supplied incorrectly, as we now know, in the MSS. that come after Cod. S. A more ambitious attempt to restore the text may be seen in the same chapter, verse 115 (45), where four words absent from Cod. S. are found inserted in later MSS. In this case, I think that the *neque* before *demergere* clearly indicated the loss of a clause, which was supplied ingeniously enough, but, to judge from independent witnesses, incorrectly by the words: *salvare eum qui perit*. It is in fact this tendency among transcribers to write what is clear and intelligible instead of what is doubtful or difficult to understand, which will explain many curious deviations of later copies from their prototype, Cod. S. To begin with an alteration manifestly incorrect: in ix. 17, Cod. S. has *et qualis agricola talis et atria*; the easy emendation of the last word (*area* for *atria*), proposed by Volckmar, seems not to have occurred to a scribe, and so *cultura* was boldly substituted, and is now the reading of most MSS.¹ So in xii. 32, the *infulcit* of Cod. S. reappears as *incutiet* in the MSS. and printed editions. In xvi. 10, *surgebit*, the reading of Cod. S., has been changed by later scribes to *pauebit* (the true word, as we shall afterwards see, is *horrebit*). It required no great critical acumen to replace *fili* a *potestate*, xv. 25, Cod. S., by *fili apostatae*², or *misereatur*, vii. 133 (63), Cod. S., by *miserator*; the change in the latter case proves that the key to the structure of the whole passage had been discovered, and prepares us for the further emendation of *muneribus*, vii. 135 (65), in Cod. S., to *municipis* in later MSS., which might otherwise have seemed beyond the range of a simple copyist. The reading *absolve*, in viii. 4, Cod. S. (retained in C. 10), is by a true instinct

¹ C. 10 retains *atria* from Cod. S.

² τέκνα ἀποστάται (Is. xxx. 1), not τέκνα ἀποστάτου as Hilg. p. 208.

changed to *absorbe* in most MSS. Sometimes a single Codex not rising above the dead level of ordinary transcripts surprises us with a happy emendation¹ of an error, which had apparently taken permanent possession of the text. Thus, in C. 5, instead of the long-familiar blunder, *et non significasti, nihil memini, quomodo...*, iii. 30, 31, we unexpectedly come on a reading which anticipates by six centuries the certain emendation of Van der Vlis, *et non significasti nihil nemini, quomodo...* Again, we might look long for any improvement on the reading, *quando plantasti terram*, iii. 4; Hilgenfeld assumes it to be correct in his reproduction of the Gk. ὅτε ἐφύτευσας τὴν γῆν, and disregards the consensus of the other versions in favour of an original ὅτε ἐπλασας τὴν γῆν; the natural equivalent to ἐπλασας is *plasmasti*², a reading which I have actually detected in two MSS. (L. 7 and O. 6). There are some corrections now generally accepted which seem to be of comparatively recent introduction, at any rate I have only noticed them in MSS. contemporary with the earliest printed text. To this class I would refer the change of *et si* to *et ipsi*, viii. 56, and of *initium per consummationem* to *initium habet pariter et consummationem*, ix. 5. The most striking alteration of this kind which I have observed is in viii. 44; in this verse the singular reading, *hic pater et filius homo*, to judge from the evidence before me, maintained its ground in the MSS. till the invention of printing, when it became recast in the form which, with but little variation, it has ever since retained: *sic perit et similiter homo*. At the same period a lacuna of long standing in vii. 113 (43) was filled up by the insertion of *et initium*, which the context suggests and the other translations confirm.

The investigation therefore of the sources of the present text forces us to the conclusion that many manuscript readings unhesitatingly adopted by editors can only be regarded as conjectures more or less ingenious, which must always be scrutinized with the greatest caution. In each case we are thrown back on the authority of

¹ On the other hand, the MSS. exhibit corruptions equally startling; these sometimes result from the tendency to substitute the known for the unknown, as *Armenii* xv. 30, C. 3, 4, 9, O. 5, for *Carmonii* Cod. S.; *Nazareth* xiii. 45, C. 10, for *Arzareth* (that mysterious land which, after having so long baffled critics, has been discovered by Dr. Schiller-Szinessy to be nothing more than *Terra alia*, comp. ver. 40, the ארץ אחרת of Deut. xxix. 27, stereotyped in all its vagueness as a proper noun. See the *Journal of Philology*, Vol. III. 1870). In a few cases the

religious feelings of the scribe have given a colouring to the text, as *ut et ecclesiam timeant et trepidentur omnes* xv. 29, C. 10, for *ut etiam timeant...*, even to the violation of the laws of grammar and of nature, as *et mulieres ET HERETICI parient menstruae monstra* v. 8, which I have found with this interpolation in no less than three MSS. (C. 7, S. and L. 2).

² Another instance may be quoted to shew how liable these verbs are to be confounded: in viii. 14, for *plasmatus est* Cod. II. has *plantatus est*.

Cod. S., and with advantages to which a scribe of the middle ages could not aspire, such as the light to be derived from other ancient versions and from the researches of modern criticism, we must do our best to make the crooked straight and the rough places plain. But although the theory just propounded deprives us of the help which we might otherwise have expected from the later MSS., so many of which remain still unexamined, it will be some consolation to know that we shall not be left in hopeless dependence on Cod. S.; for Cod. A., which we have kept in abeyance during this discussion, not only restores to us the portion of the book which seemed irrevocably lost from the Latin, but, as we shall soon see, will henceforth be entitled to rank as a co-ordinate authority with Cod. S. in settling the text of this very difficult book.

The great similarity existing between these two MSS. will doubtless have been already remarked from the quotations in the preceding pages; this similarity can frequently be traced in the minutest details, both in the original and corrected readings. For example, in i. 36 Cod. A. supports Cod. S. in the reading *et memora- buntur antiquitatum eorum*¹. The abrupt address in i. 38, *Et nunc, frater, aspice cum gloria et uide populum uenientem ab oriente*, is attended with many difficulties; by the easy substitution of *f̄r* for *fr̄*, the reading *superaspice* found its way into many later MSS.², yet, strange to say, *frater* is not the original reading of either of our oldest authorities, for Cod. S. has (pr. m.) *pater* (*pat̄*), but *p* has been erased and *fr* written above, while the reading of Cod. A., *partem* (*partē*), differs so little in appearance from the word as first written in Cod. S., that it may be taken for a confirmation of that reading³. In ii. 15 *mater, amplexere filios tuos, educa illos cum*

¹ So apparently in most MSS. Fritzsche indeed retains the Vulg. *et memorabuntur iniquitatum eorum*, but I have not observed this variation in copies written before the 15th century. The mutilated form, *iquitatum*, assigned to T. (*Zeitschr. d. Wissensch. Theol.* vii. 334, but quoted as *equitatum* in the edd. of Hilgenf. and Fritzsche), stands midway between the two readings.

² Further corrupted to *semper* in Cod. H.

³ Our first impulse is to refer the *pater* here and in ii. 5, *ego autem te, pater, testem inuoco super matrem filiorum...*, to the same person, but who is that person? Is it Ezra? The 'Erra pater' indeed, of modern times, occurs to us (see Addenda), but we lack evidence of the early use of such a title, not to mention that it would be singularly incongruous

in an address from God to his prophet. Again, the language which immediately follows in ii. 6, 7, *ut des eis confusionem... dispergantur in gentes...*, looks certainly like a direct appeal to God himself. Or is it God the Father, thus addressed by the Son? It is true there is no formal introduction of Christ as a speaker, but echoes from his words meet us on every side. This explanation is well adapted to the context in ii. 5, and is there accepted by Hilgenfeld, but it will scarcely be regarded as admissible in i. 38. Can the reading in the latter passage have resulted from an error in translation? It has not been sufficiently recognized that the author of 4 Ezra i. ii. drew much of his phraseology from Baruch iv. v. Comp. e.g. ii. 2 with Bar. iv. 19, ii. 3 with Bar. iv. 11, 12, ii. 4 with Bar. iv. 17, 21, ii. 12

laetitia. Sicut columba confirma pedes eorum, the position given to *columba* naturally suggested the alteration to *columnam*¹, which has been adopted by Coverdale, 'make their fete as fast as a piler,' and has thus passed into the Geneva and Authorized versions; but that *columba* may be retained, without the unnatural association found in the Vulg., is proved by the text and interpunctuation common to both our MSS., *mater complectere filios tuos educam illos cum laetitia sicut columba, confirma pedes eorum*. The long-standing error, *imperasti populo*, iii. 4, for *imperasti pulveri*, is already in possession of the text in Cod. A. as well as in Cod. S. Their minute agreement in the next verse enables us to observe an intermediate stage in the transformation of *et dedit tibi* to *et dedisti*, for in both MSS. the letter *s* in *dedisti* is a later insertion².

Codd. A. and S. agree in the following readings: *casui* iii. 10 (the *i* is erased in Cod. A.), *derelinquas* altered in both to *derelinqueres* iii. 15, *et offerre tibi*³ in *eodem tuas oblationes* iii. 24 (*eodem* altered to *eadem* in Cod. A.), *tribus impij* iv. 23 (*in* has been afterwards inserted before *tribus* in Cod. A.), *de ea* (for *dicam*) iv. 28 (so also Cod. T.); in the same verse Cod. A. has *districtio* (altered to *destructio*), Cod. S. *destructio*⁴. Again, they agree in *tu enim festinas uaniter* (altered to *inaniter* in Cod. A.)

with Bar. v. 8; and so also the language of the verse in question is evidently derived from Bar. iv. 36, 37, *Περίβλεψαι πρὸς ἀνατολὰς, Ἱερουσαλήμ, καὶ ἴδε τὴν εὐφροσύνην τὴν παρὰ τοῦ θεοῦ σοι ἐρχομένην. Ἰδοὺ ἔρχονται οἱ υἱοὶ σου οὓς ἐξάπίστεϊλας, ἔρχονται συνηγμένοι ἀπὸ ἀνατολῶν ἕως δυσμῶν τῷ ῥήματι τοῦ ἁγίου, χαίροντες τῇ τοῦ θεοῦ δόξῃ. Circumspice, Ierusalem, ad orientem et uide...* Comp. also Bar. v. 5, 6. If we assume then that the word which stood in the original Greek of 4 Ezra i. 38 was *περίβλεψαι*, or rather *περίβλεψον* (the latter has hitherto been quoted as the reading of the Cod. Vat. in Bar. iv. 36, incorrectly as it appears, for *περίβλεψε* (= -αι) is the form given in the edition of Verecillone and Cozza, Rome, 1872), this compound might easily have been mistaken for *περὶ βλέπον*, which would at once account for the *pater aspice* of the Latin translator. To prove that the present Latin text exhibits a distorted image of the Greek, we need only compare the position of the next words, *cum gloria*, with the context in which *μετὰ δόξης* stands in Bar. v. 6.

B.

¹ C. 1 has *columpna* (without stop), C. 9 *sicut columnam, confirma*.

² With the text thus restored: *imperasti pulveri, et dedit tibi Adam corpus mortuum*, comp. *imperasti terrae ut crearet coram te iumenta et bestias et reptilia, et super his Adam*, vi. 53, 54.

³ Such is the obvious division of the words in the *et offerre tibi* of Cod. S. (comp. in the same MS. *ostenderet tibi* = *ostendere tibi* iv. 3), but an early corrector by an excusable oversight read *et offerret tibi*, and consequently altered *et* to *ut*.

⁴ This reading of Cod. S. has been known from the time of Sabatier, but it seems to have been regarded by critics either as too insignificant to notice, or, if quoted, merely as an eccentricity in the spelling of the word, which has been universally adopted in the text, *destructio*. The authority of Cod. A. will lead, I believe, to a re-consideration of the long-neglected *districtio*, for it better keeps up the metaphor which is expressed by the other versions. The Lexicons give no examples of *destructio* or of *districtio* in the sense here required;

*cum et ipsum spiritum, nam excelsus pro multis*¹ iv. 34, *uenit* iv. 35, *ponderavi* iv. 36, *prorogas* altered in both to *interrogas* iv. 52, *conculcauerunt qui* (for *conc. eum qui*) v. 29, *credebant* (for *non credebant*)² *ibid.*, *aut* (for *an*) v. 33, *qui necdum* v. 36 (so also C. 10, 11, and Syr.), *uiuificauit* v. 45, *qui ante sed minores* (*s* on *eras*. in A.) *statu*³ v. 52, *Initium* vi. 1, *decores* (orig. *-ris* A.) vi. 3, *et antequam aestimaretur camillum Sion*⁴ vi. 4, *quaē* (pr. m.) vi. 23, *intuebatur* vi. 29, *turbatur* altered in both to *turbabatur* vi. 36, *odorum inuestigabiles* (*-lis* in Cod. S.)⁵ vi. 44. A word, which appears to be *progenitum*, is erased before *saeculum* vi. 55, in Codd. A. and S. Both have *quam* vii. 20 (*quā* altered to *quō* in Cod. A.), *incorruptibile* altered in both to *corruptibile* vii. 111 (41), *Et nouem mensibus patitur tua plasmatio tuae creaturae quae in eo creata est*, viii. 8, a passage which contains two anomalies of construction, apparently derived from the original. Comp. the Gk. of Hilgenfeld, καὶ ἐννέα μῆνας ἀνέχεται τὸ πλάσμα σου τοῦ κτίσματος τοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ κτισθέντος. The following words found in the Vulg. are absent from both MSS., *et initium* vii. 113 (43), *irascaris* viii. 45 (comp. the Or. Verss.), *ut* viii. 49 (but added later in both, in Cod. A. before *plurimum*, in Cod. S. before *inter*), *et* (before *miserabiles*) viii. 50 (this is a step towards bringing out the right construction as found in the Syr. &c.), *mali* viii. 53 (not in the Or. Verss.), *est* (before *manifesta*) ix. 5, *casum* x. 9 (this word is not represented in the Or. Verss. and is evidently introduced to help the construction). Codd. A. and S. seem to stand alone in reading *nunc uitam* viii. 60 (*nunc* is dotted above in Cod. S.). In ix. 16 *sicut multiplicatur fluctus super*

but comp. the use of *distingo* in the Vulg., *Et fructus eius distinget*, Ezek. xvii. 9. *Destructio* was not the only attempt to emend the original, for we find *distinctio* in C. 6.

¹ Cod. S. has *pro multis* (not *permultis*). In Cod. A. *quā* has been struck out before *nam*, and *nam excelsus pro multis* altered to *ab excelso acciperis*.

² In Cod. A. a corrector has changed *quique* to *eos qui*, so that the verse may now be read thus: *Et conculcauerunt qui contradicebant sponsionibus tuis eos, qui tuis testamentis credebant*, which conforms to the construction in the Syr. and Æth. versions.

³ In v. 54, Cod. A. has *minoris statutis* altered to *minores statu estis*, Cod. S. *minores statutis*.

⁴ As a distinguished Oxford Professor has lately quoted (*Fors Clavigera*, Letter XLVII. Oct. 1874), without misgiving, our Authorized Version of this

passage, 'or ever the chimneys in Sion were hot,' I may remark that the textus receptus *et antequam aestuarent camini in Sion* is utterly destitute of credit. The only two MSS. which have any authority agree in the reading which I have given above. *Camillum* is for *scamillum* 'foot-stool.' Rönisch. p. 94, gives only *scamillus*, though Acts vii. 49, Cod. Bezae, to which he refers, has *scamillum* in the nominative; so also Matt. v. 35, Cod. Clarom. (*scamellum*, Cod. Sang. comp. *scamello* Jac. ii. 3, Cod. Corb.). For the metaphor comp. Lam. ii. 1. *Aestimaretur* is no doubt corrupt, we require in its place some such word as *stabiliretur*, *firmaretur*, or, as Hilgenfeld proposes, *aedificaretur* (among the guesses in MSS. we find *edificarent* (*sic*) *camini* in C. 6).

⁵ See Rönisch, p. 112. His conjecture that Cod. S. has *inuestigabilis* is correct, but unnecessary, since it does not appear that the form *ininuestigabilis* has ever, as he assumes, been ascribed to that MS.

guttam Vulg., we find the reading *multiplicat fructus* in both MSS., the verb being here used intransitively in imitation of the Gk. *πλεονάζει*. Similarly in xiv. 16 *tantum multiplicabuntur super inhabitantes mala*, Vulg., the form *multiplicabunt* is found both in Cod. S. and in Cod. A. (pr. m.). A misunderstanding of this anomalous usage of the verb has led to the omission of *super* in ix. 16, Cod. A., and in xiv. 16, Cod. S. (supplied pr. m. in the latter case on the margin)¹. In ix. 19 *moribus*² (for *mores*) is common to the two MSS. (comp. the other versions). Modern editors have without an exception retained the reading of the Vulg. *o domine, te nobis ostendens ostensus es patribus nostris in deserto* ix. 29. This is doubtless one of the many instances found in our book, of a well-known Hebrew idiom³, but the insertion of the acc. of the pronoun is not justified by a comparison of the analogous phrase, *reuelans reuelatus sum* xiv. 3. In fact *te* is one of those attempts at emendation which were introduced at the time of the first printed edition; Codd. A. and S. and apparently all MSS. before that date have *IN nobis*. In ix. 45 Cod. A. has *ancillae tuae* (altered to *ancillam tuam*), Cod. S. has *ancillae tuae*. Both have *proditi* (not *perditi*) x. 22, as Ambrose also quotes it (Lib. I. *de Excess. Sat.*)⁴, *Uox exiebat* xi. 10 (*ñ* stands above the line after *uox* in Cod. S.), and *toto* (not *tanto*) *tempore* xi. 16. In xi. 19, Cod. S. has *omnibus auis*, Cod. A. *omnibus auibus*⁵. The reading of Cod. A. in xi. 37 is *et audiui quomodo* (comp. the Syr., Æth. and Arm.), Cod. S. has the word *audiui* altered to *vidi* and so transmitted to the other MSS. Cod. A. agrees with Cod. S. and a large majority of

¹ In ix. 16, *multiplicat* C. 3, 9, 10, *multiplicatur fructus* C. 1. In xiv. 16, *multiplicabunt* C. 1, 10, om. *super* C. 3.

² *moribus* C. 9, 10.

³ It occurs, for instance, in iii. 33, iv. 2, 13, 26, v. 45, vi. 38, vii. 5, 14, 21, 67, 75, viii. 15, ix. 1, 29 (bis), x. 32, xi. 45, xiv. 3, 29, and even in the chapters attached to the end, as xv. 9; in all these examples the inf. abs. is expressed by the Lat. participle; in a few cases we find the abl. of the subst. as vi. 14, 31-32, vii. 67, and once the gerund xvi. 65. There are occasional efforts to get rid of this foreign construction, most frequently by the rejection of the participial element, as in viii. 15, x. 32, xi. 45, xiv. 29 Vulg., and in vii. 5, C. 10. In vi. 14 all MSS. had been led astray by Cod. S., and the true reading was only restored by an emendation of Van der Vlis. In vi. 31-32 *auditu* is omitted in C. 6, but

preserved in most MSS.; in the Vulg. (and also in Cod. T.) it has been corrupted to *audiui*. Our English translators have generally given due force to this idiom, but not always; in v. 45, for instance, *quoniam uiuificans uiuificasti a te creatam creaturam in unum* is translated by Coverdale 'that thou luyunge maker hast made the creature luyunge at once,' and the influence of this rendering is felt in the Gen. and in the A. V. In ix. 29 Hilgenfeld's Gk. is based entirely on the faulty text of the Vulg., he claims indeed the support of the Syr. but *ἡμῖν* has no representative in that version, and the words *ܕܠܝܕܝܢ ܕܠܝܕܝܢ* would be the ordinary translation for *φανερῶθεις ἐφανερῶθης*, or rather *ἀποκαλυφθεῖς ἀπεκαλύφθης*.

⁴ *proditi* has passed from Cod. S. into C. 3, 5, 11, D.

⁵ *omnibus auibus* C. 10.

the MSS. in reading *mugiens* for *rugiens* xi. 37, and *mugientem* for *et rugientem* xii. 31¹. Both Codices have *emittit* (altered to *emisit* in Cod. A.) and *fluctum* altered to *flatum* xiii. 10, *occurrentes* xiii. 18 (-es is erased in Cod. S.), *in hac* for *in haec* xiii. 20², *prae medium* xiv. 12 (-um altered to -o in Cod. A.). Cod. A. has *et in terram Sion* xiv. 31, Cod. S. has *et in terra Sion* (*in* having been inserted). Both have *plebi* (with *s* added at the end) xv. 1, *exultans* (altered to *exaltans* in Cod. S.) xv. 53³. In xvi. 33 the *oues* of Cod. S. has been altered to *homines* in later MSS., but here also Cod. A. takes its place by the side of Cod. S. with the reading *eo quod non transeat ouis per eam*. In xvi. 39, the words *cum parit* are absent from both MSS.⁴ This list might be considerably extended, but I will now close it with a few passages, where I first recovered the true reading from Cod. A., but found, as soon as I had an opportunity of examining Cod. S., that in these points also the two MSS. originally coincided. There is a striking instance of this in iii. 7, where Cod. A. reads *et huic mandasti diligētiā unā tuā, et praeteriuit eam*. The presence of *diligētiā*, that characteristic word in the Latin of the fourth of Esdras⁵, and the harmony of the other versions, at once stamp this as the genuine text⁶, while the reading of Cod. S. . . . *diligere uiam tuā* . . . , transmitted to nearly all later MSS.⁷ and accepted by all editors, bears every mark of an alteration made to simplify the language. If we examine Cod. S. more closely, we shall have ocular demonstration of the way in which this alteration was introduced, for the last letter of *diligere* is written on an erasure, and we can still decypher faint traces of

¹ C. 10 has *rugiens* xi. 37, but *mugientem* xii. 31.

² *in hac* C. 10.

³ *exultans* C. 10.

⁴ *cum parit* is not in C. 10.

⁵ See below on vii. 37.

⁶ With the passage thus restored compare the following extract quoted in the 'Pugio fidei' of Raymundus Martini, (pp. 674, 675): "יוסי הנלילי: צא ולמד זכות מלך המשיח ושכרו של צדיקן מאדם הקדמוני שלא נצטווה אלא מצוה אחת בלא תעשה ועבר עליה ראה כמה מיתות נקנסו לו ולדורותיו... This is said to be taken from the Siphre; Edzardus, in his *Annotat.* (Wolf. Bibl. II. iv. 622) gives no other explanation than 'ex citat. Salom.' Wünsche, who borrows the quotation (*Die Leiden des Messias*, p. 65), adds to the reference 'S. 121.' But I have in vain searched for it in the Siphre. Dr. Schiller-Szinessy,

however, who kindly lent me his aid, has succeeded in finding a similar passage, not in the Siphre, but in the Siphra, xii. § 10 (ed. Weiss, Wien, 1862, fol. 27 a, col. 1), as well as in the Yalkut (Livorno, 1650, fol. 220 b, § 479), and in Rashi on Lev. v. 17, in all of which places the words that especially illustrate the point under discussion appear with some slight variations. But should this be really the source of Raymundus Martini's quotation, it may be here mentioned that in other respects there are material discrepancies, such as the absence of all Messianic application in these three authorities; a fact which it would be well for those to consider who continue to appeal to this extract as 'ein sehr klares und bestimmtes Zeugniß von dem Verdienste des Messias.'

⁷ One variation may be noted, viz. *diligere mandata tua et praeteriuit ea*, Cod. II.

the termination *-tiam*; again it will be seen that *uiam* results from the erasure of the second stroke of the *n* in the original text *unam*. Cod. A. has *extincta* in viii. 53, and this (not *et tincta*) is also the reading of Cod. S. Chap. xiv. 11 stands thus in the two latest editions: *Duodecim enim partibus diuisum est saeculum, et transierunt eius decimam et dimidium decimae partis*. For *decimam*, Cod. A. has *decem iam*, and whatever difficulties still remain with regard to the calculation¹ in this and the following verse, the construction thus obtained is confessedly more natural, for the reading of the Vulg. *decima* is a step in this direction, and our English translators² by a happy instinct have expressed the very words of Cod. A. The reading *Xam* has been invariably assigned to Cod. S., but looking at it in the light thrown on the passage by Cod. A. we at once detect the erasure of an *i* before the *a*, so that here again the two MSS. concur. In the example which I will now adduce, the correct expansion of an abbreviation will bring the two MSS. into unison. In ix. 19 Fritzsche edits: *tunc enim erat nemo*, and remarks *pro 'nemo' in Codd. nescio quo errore legitur 'quisque,'* but Cod. S., which is the source of this reading, has *quisq*; this contraction must here stand for *quisquam*³, which is the reading of Cod. A.; but adopting this, we must proceed a step further, and, substituting *nec* for *tunc*, restore the whole passage thus: *et nemo contradixit mihi, nec enim erat quisquam* (οὐδὲ γὰρ ἦν οὐδεὶς)⁴. In xiii. 48—49 it is only a faulty interpunctuation that keeps the two MSS. apart. Cod. A. reads correctly *...intra terminum meum sanctum; erit ergo...* The very same words stand in Cod. S.; but the insertion of a stop (:) before, instead of after, *sanctum* (fcm) has produced an impression, shared alike by ancient copyists and modern collators, that the reading of that MS. is *...intra terminum meum. Factum erit ergo...*

It would however be a mistake to conclude from this long catalogue of resemblances that in Cod. A. we have little more than a repetition of the text given in Cod. S. Quite as many divergences in reading⁵ might be quoted to shew that,

¹ In C. 10 there is an attempt to remove this numerical confusion by reading *undecimae* for *decimae* in both verses.

² Coverdale's translation is 'For the tyme is deuyled in to twolue partes, and ten partes of it are gone all ready, and half of the tenth parte.' Similarly the Gen. and A. V.

³ C. 11 preserves the abbreviation from Cod. S. In C. 10 there is a fair attempt at emendation, *tunc non erat quisquam*.

⁴ In xiii. 52, *sic non poterit quisque super terram uidere...* Cod. S. has the same contraction, and Cod. A. has *quisquam* (after *terram*). The requirements of the construction have introduced the word *quisquam* into several MSS., as C. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, D.

⁵ Many specimens of readings peculiar to Cod. A. may be gathered from these pages; a few more are here subjoined, some of which may prevent us from overestimating the value of that authority: *crescunt*

however close the relationship between the two MSS., they are yet perfectly independent of each other. In proof of this we may appeal to the fact that in several places, where there is a lacuna in Cod. S., the Latin text is found complete in Cod. A. For instance, this MS. first supplies us with the correct form of the subject in vii. 112 (42): *propter hoc orauerunt QUI POTUERUNT pro inualidis*. The omission as usual must be referred to homœotel.¹ Cod. A. first fills up the gap in ix. 20, thus:

Et consideravi saeculum meum, ET ECCE PERDITUM ERAT ET ORBEM MEUM, et ecce erat periculum.

Comp. the Syr. It is true that here the missing words may have stood originally in Cod. S., for a line has been erased in this place, but I think that the erasure will be best accounted for by supposing that in the confusion arising from the similarity of the clauses, some words were by mistake written twice. In ix. 21 Cod. S. has *et peperci eis ualde*; but *ualde* does not fall in with the spirit of the next words, *et saluavi mihi acinum de butru*. From Cod. A. we recover the lost particle *et peperci eis* UIX *ualde*². Through the same authority another passage which has been curtailed by a common oversight will be henceforth restored to its proper proportions: *Et dormiui illam noctem et aliam sicut PRAECEPIT MIHI. ET FACTUM EST SECUNDA NOCTE ET ALIA SICUT dixerat mihi et uidi somnium*, x. 60, xi. 1. And, lastly, the kingdom which appeared to Daniel is described more explicitly in Cod. A. as *regnum* QUARTUM xii. 11. Enough has been said to prove the independent position which Cod. A. occupies, but it may still be asked whether there are absolutely no readings that have possibly filtered through, if not from Cod. A. at least from some kindred MS. now lost, into one or other of the later copies. I confess that at first there were some

for *creuerunt* i. 6, *Testamentum* for *sacramentum* ii. 7, *populo* for *pupillo* ii. 20, *secreta noctu* iii. 14, *tremefecisti* iii. 18, *caelum* for *sacculum* iii. 18, *faciunt Babylonii* iii. 31, *sicut haec Jakob* iii. 32, *status* iv. 5, *tecum cogita altiss^{imi} scientiam non...* iv. 10, *mensura mensuravi saccula et tempora* iv. 37, *quem considerasti* v. 27, *defectionem* for *defutigationem* v. 35, *et uiuent et seruabuntur* vi. 21, *Leuitam* vi. 49, *Leuitae* vi. 52, *altum et spatiosum et innensum* vii. 3, *si enim declinaueris* viii. 32, *munitio* for *motio* ix. 3, *tibi experienda* x. 49, *orationem* for *deprecationem* xiii. 14, *qui² in corde aut in profundo maris⁸⁴ sic...xiii. 52, ...ei secreta multa temporum* xiv. 5.

¹ In verse 115 (45) of this chapter, *saluare eum qui periit* is absent from both MSS., being, as before stated, a conjectural insertion introduced into subsequent copies. But in Cod. A. the words *neq. euerterit. qui uictus fuerat*, which have been added on the margin to be attached to the end of the verse, may preserve some element of the original reading; for *uictus fuerat* comes nearer to the Syr. and Æth. versions than the *periit* of later MSS.

² Similarly the Syr. and Æth. versions. In the Arab. the reading of the two MSS. is not (as Ewald edits) *فعطفت بوجعى*, but *فعطفت بوجعى*.

isolated cases which perplexed me, where the bulk of the MSS. seemed to agree with Cod. A. and not with Cod. S.¹; a subsequent collation however of the latter MS. and a careful attention to the erasures served to dispel these difficulties. Yet still it would be possible to draw up a pretty long list of readings that are found in Cod. A. and other MSS., but not in Cod. S. I believe that all of these will prove on examination to be mere accidental coincidences to be explained by the ordinary tendencies that produce fluctuations in the text².

¹ The following readings ascribed to Cod. S. would be clearly incompatible with the theory that all later MSS. may be traced back to this source alone:

unde sit iv. 4 S. Vulg., *quare* A. and the later MSS.

diebus tantis vi. 28 „ „ *tantis temporibus* „ „
ipsum xiii. 58 „ „ *tempora* „ „

I find however in each of these places that Cod. S. really agrees, not with the Vulg., but with Cod. A. and the rest of the MSS. In vii. 18 the insertion of *in fine* (which Hilgenf. adopts for his text) seems to separate Cod. S., not only from all other MSS., but also from the Vulg. The error in this case arose simply from not observing the difference of type in the foot-note of Sabatier, where he refers to the last word in the verse: 'MS. Sangerm. in fine *non viderunt*, pro *non videbunt*.' My collation of Cod. S. has in several other points brought out more clearly the relation in which that MS. stands to the rest, as the following corrections will shew:

Achiac i. 2, *ex eo* iii. 21, *babillonem* (*m* erased) iii. 28, *in sacculum* iii. 34, *per nomina inuenies* iii. 36, *potest* iv. 9 (hence *potest* C. 4, 5, 10, 11; *potes* C. 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, H.), *flamma, et uidi* iv. 48, *superauerant* iv. 49 (so C. 3, 4, 5, &c.), *fortitudinem* v. 55, *uisitas* v. 56, *aut sequentis* vi. 7, *quo apparerent* tunc vi. 40 (*tunc* is in C. 3, 4, 5, &c. and in A.), *creauit* altered to *certauit* vii. 127 (57) (*creauit* C. 3, 9), *prophetes* viii. 5 (so C. 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, &c.), *fructum* viii. 10, *quae* (altered to *qui*) *fecit* viii. 60, *mense* ix. 19, *glorificamini* ix. 31 (so C. 5, 9, H.), *cum timore* x. 26, *cōmoueretur* altered to *comederetur* x. 26 (the latter in C. 3, 9, 10), *inhabitabunt* xi. 40, om. *tua* xi. 43 (so C. 3, 5, &c.), *renouabit* xii. 23, *manducabam* xii. 51, om. *ut* xiii. 32, om. *cum* xiii. 46, *superant* xiv. 12, *qui eam exterruerunt* xv. 45,

̄da xv. 63.

² This will be best illustrated by a few characteristic examples: *Latilibus* ii. 31 S., *latibulis* A., *latibulis* C. 1, 3, 4, 5, &c. (We find two attempts to emend the above error of Cod. S.: (1) *lateribus* L. 7, T., Vulg., and (2) *latibulis* C. 1, 3, 4, 5, &c. The latter was successful); *uoluptate* iii. 8 S., C. 3, 4, 10, 11, &c., *uoluntate* A., C. 5, 12, L. 4, 7, W. (These words constantly interchange); *seruare* iii. 36 S., C. 7, 8, *seruasse* A., C. 1, 2, 3, 4, &c., Vulg.; *qui inuocatus est* iv. 25 S. and most MSS., *quod inuocatum est* A., C. 10, Vulg.; *Hieremihel archangelus* iv. 36 S., *Iheremiel angelus* C. 5, *Ieremiel archangelus* L. 1, 2, 3, 4, Vulg., *archangelus Uriel* A., *Uriel archang.* C. 10, *Urihel archang.* C. 6, *Huriel archang.* C. 7, 8, L. 7. (Instead of *Hieremihel*, the name of the angel who replies to the souls of the righteous, which occurs nowhere else in the book, it was natural for a scribe to write *Uriel*, the name of the angel then speaking with Ezra; this substitution was made several times independently, e.g. in Cod. A., in some later MSS., and also in Arab.²); *egressos* v. 5 S., *et gressus* A. and most MSS.; *Spalthiel* v. 16 S., *Phalthiel* A., C. 4, L. 1; *sicut in nouissimorum...nec in priorum* v. 42 S., *sicut non nouiss...nec priorum* A. and most MSS.; *nunc* vii. 132 (62) S., C. 1, 3, 4, 5, &c., om. *nunc* A., C. 2, Vulg.; *thesaurus mortalitatis* viii. 54 S., *thesaurus immortalitatis* A. and the other MSS.; *habitatio in Hierusalem* x. 47 S., similarly C. 2, Vulg., om. *in* A., C. 1, 3, 4, 5, &c. (comp. *ruina Hierusalem* x. 45); *temporum finem et temporum nouissima* xii. 9 S. &c., *finem et temporum* omitted through homœot. in A., C. 2, Vulg.; *esca* xii. 51 S., C. 1, 3, 4, 5, &c., *mihī aescā* A., *mihī esca* C. 7, *esca mihī* Vulg.; *absconsa in absconsis certa*; *hic nouit adinventionem uestram* xvi. 63, 64 S., *terrae* for *certa* D., T.,

I will now bring forward a few more noteworthy readings of Cod. A., some of which throw a new and unexpected light on dark passages of the Latin version.

The MSS. seem to be nearly equally divided between the readings *et in ira agebant* and *et mira agebant* in iii. 8¹. A similar parallelism in Gen. xlix. 6 might be alleged in favour of the former, but to this the other versions are opposed; they rather support the reading of Cod. A., *et impie agebant*, which is also more in accordance with the style of the translation. Comp. iii. 30, vii. 18, viii. 35. Perhaps no word in the book has been more perplexing to editors than *exterius*, which is the reading of Cod. S. and most other copies in the following passage: *et iam exterius corrupto saeculo* iv. 11. Among the few variations may be noted *et iam ex te corrupto saeculo* L. 7 (comp. T.). Volekmar thought that the original Gk. would have been best rendered by *obnoxius*; Hilgenfeld substitutes his own emendation: *et qui existis in corrupto saeculo*; Fritzsche, regarding the Latin as hopelessly corrupt, has relegated it to a foot-note. Cod. A. solves the difficulty by reading *exterritus*, i.e. *exteritus*, 'worn out,' 'corrupted' (see above, p. 15, l. 15). This form of the participle of *extero* is not recognised in Lexicons, but we have on the one hand, the perf. *exteruerunt*, as we must read it, in xv. 45, (comp. *conterui* Rönsch, p. 287, and J. N. Ott, *Neue Jahrbücher f. Philologie und Pädagogik*, Leipzig, 1874, p. 792), and on the other, the substantive *exteritionem*² xv. 39, Cod. S. In iv. 29, Cod. A. has *si ergo non mēsum fuerit quod seminatum est*. The corrected reading *non messum* at once commends itself to us by its agreement with the Syr. and Æth., while the original form *non mensum* explains the curious reading in Cod. S. *nom suū*, which has produced a large crop of conjectures³. Instead of *...impleatur iustorum ***** areae* iv. 39 Cod. S., we have in Cod. A. *...impleatur iustorum area*⁴, as Hilgenfeld suggests. *Si non queris* (not *quaris*) is the reading of Cod. S. in vii. 9; since it is quite unintelligible in the context in which it stands, it has passed through various transformations in the MSS., e.g., *si non quis* C. 9, 10, 11,

Vulg., *in absconsis absconsa. certe hic nouit adin.* u. A., *absconsa in absconsis. certe hic nouit adin.* u. C. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, &c. (But it must be noted (1) that in Cod. S. a point has been erased before *certa*, and (2) that the order of the words preceding *certe* is different in Cod. A.).

¹ *et in ira agebant* S., C. 4, 5, 6, 9, H., L. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, O. 1, 3, D.; *et mira agebant* C. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, L. 5, O. 2, 5, 6, T., W., Vulg.

² So also C. 9, 10, C. 11 (on. marg.), *exterritio-*

nem C. 3, 7, 8, *exercitationem* C. 11 (in text), H.; *extritionem* was the original reading of Cod. A., but it has been converted by the insertion of *-ca-* to *extricationem*.

³ As *non inuersum* T., Vulg.; *non in usum* C. 6, O. 3, *non usum* C. 5; *non euulsum* C. 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, D., L. 2, 3, 4, 5, O. 1, 2, 5, *non inuulsum* L. 1, *non emissum* O. 7.

⁴ This is also the reading of Cod. H.

L. 9, *si nunquam* C. 3, 6, and so Vulg., *si nusquam* D., *si non* C. 4, 5, 7, 8, H., L. 1, 2, *sine* C. 1. Now Cod. A. has the same reading as that just quoted from Cod. S., but over *queris* (thus deleted) the word *heres* has been written, so that the passage may now be read *si non haeres antepositum periculum pertransierit, quomodo accipiet haereditatem suam?*, which is confirmed by the Syriac. The reading of the Vulg. in vii. 116 (46) *...sermo meus primus et nouissimus* must have resulted from an attempt to improve the text, for the words *...et non nouissimus* were transmitted by Cod. S. to the later MSS. This emendation in the Vulg. turns out in this instance to be correct, for it is supported not only by the Syr., Æth., and Arab., but also by Cod. A. Again, this MS. stamps with its authority the emendation of Hilgenfeld, *solum modicum* (for *solum modum* in Cod. S.) viii. 5, and that of Van der Vlis, *in nouissimis diebus* (for *a nouissimis diebus* in Cod. S.) x. 59. The reading *non comparuit*, also suggested by the scholar just mentioned, emerges from the confused text of Cod. A. in xii. 2 (*-uit* being written over an erasure). In xii. 31 the original reading of Cod. A. is *loquentem ad aquilam et arguentem eam iniustitias ipsius*¹ (for *...eas iniustitias ipsius*, Cod. S.). In xii. 35 Cod. A. alone has the correct reading, *et haec interpretatio eius* (for *et haec interpretationes* Cod. S.), and in xiii. 17 *erunt* (for *erant*, Cod. S.). The preposition (*in*) before *pericula*, xiii. 19, is absent from Cod. A.; its presence in Cod. S. has effected the change of *uiderunt* to *uenerunt* in the later MSS. In xiii. 40, Cod. A. has *haec sunt uiii tribus*², but *...decem...*, the reading of Cod. S., has been written above. Cod. A. stands alone among the MSS. in reading *interpretationes quas audisti* xiv. 8, as the other versions require, instead of *...quas tu uidisti* Cod. S. In xv. 29, *et exient nationes draconum Arabum...et sic flatus eorum...fertur super terram*, we find in Cod. A. an important variation for *sic flatus*, viz. *sibilatus*³. The word *contentio*, xv. 33, has been accepted by editors solely on the authority of later MSS., for Cod. S. has *constantia*; in Cod. A. the passage stands thus: *et inconstabilitio regno*

¹ So also C. 7, 8. (This is another illustration of agreement between Cod. A. and some of the later MSS.) Various attempts have been made to obviate the unusual construction of the verb, e.g. *arguentem eam et iniustitias ipsius* C. 3, 5, 9, 11, D., T., Vulg., *arguentem eam iniusticiis ipsius* C. 10, *arguentem iniustitias eius* H., and in Cod. A. *eam* has been expunged by a corrector. In the next verse we have an instance of *arguo* with two accusatives, *et impietates ipsorum arguet illos*, Cod. S.,

B.

and again in xiii. 37 Cod. A., S. and Vulg.; comp. Plant. *Men.* v. 5, 37, Caccilius Stat. l. 149 (*Comic. Rom. Fragm.* ed. O. Ribbeck), and Prov. xxviii. 23. in the Old Lat. Speculum, *qui arguit hominem uias suas* (Mai, *Nor. Patr. Bibl.* i. 2, p. 45).

² The Æth. has also nine tribes; in the Syr. and Arab. the number is nine and a half.

³ The only example of this word given in the Lexicons is from Caelius Aurel. *de Morb. Acut.* ii. 27, *accedente spirationis persecutione cum quodam*

illorum. The text of xv. 51 is: *Infirmaberis. ut non possint te suscipere potentes et amatores* Vulg., but for *possint te*, Cod. S. has *possituos*, and Cod. A. *possintuos*, but with the letter *s* written over ...*nt* erased; we may therefore venture to restore the passage thus: *ut non possis tuos suscipere potentes et amatores*. For *surgebit* xvi. 10, Cod. S., we read in Cod. A. *horrebit*.

In a short passage of the book we get a glimpse of the Latin text of a somewhat earlier period, for the Prayer of Ezra (viii. 20—36) has been handed down as an extract in a few MSS. of the Bible, the oldest of which is anterior to Cod. S., e.g. in the Cod. Vatican. reginae Sueciae num. 11, Saec. viii. (=Cod. Vat.), in the Bibl. Ecclesiae Aniciensis Velaunorum, Saec. ix. (=Cod. Colb.), both collated by Sabatier, in a MS. of the Latin Bible in the Univ. Library of Jena, Saec. xiv. (=Cod. Jen.), collated by Hilgenfeld, in a MS. of Trin. Coll. Dubl., Saec. xiv. (=Cod. Δ.), and in a Bodl. MS. Saec. xv. (=Cod. O. 8), as well as in some other biblical MSS., which I shall hereafter notice; it also occurs in the Mozarabic Liturgy¹. Now Cod. A., although maintaining in these verses its close connexion with Cod. S., yet in a few instances rather reflects the text transmitted by the above authorities; thus we have *qui habitas in aeternum* viii. 20, Vat., Moz., Colb., Jen., Δ., O. 8, *qui habitas in saeculum* Cod. A., comp. the Syr. and Æth., while Cod. S. reads *qui inhabitas saeculum*, and in viii. 28 *qui ex uoluntate tuum timorem cognouerunt*, Colb., Jen., O. 8, and Moz. (ed. Migne), *qui ex uoluntate; tuum timorem cogn.* Cod. A., comp. the Syr., Æth., and Arab., ...*ex uoluntate tuam timorem...* stands in Cod. S. and has naturally led to ...*ex uoluntate tuu timorem...* in the copies made from it. In viii. 29, Vat., Colb., Jen., Δ., O. 8, as well as Moz. (ed. Migne), have *pecorum*, which is also the reading of Cod. A., whereas *pecudum* is the reading of Cod. S. In viii. 30, Vat., Colb., Moz. (as given correctly by Sabatier), Jen., O. 8, and Cod. A. have *sunt iudicati*, Cod. S. has *iudicati sunt* (scarcely *iudicati...*, for the first letter is more probably a lengthened ‘i’)².

sibilatu uehementi, atque aspero.

¹ *Liturgia Mozarabica*, Vol. II., *Breviarum Gothicum*, Cant. Lxi. p. 878 (Migne, *Patrologia Lat.* Tom. LXXXVI.). It is singular that the Abbé Le Hir searched in vain for this quotation (*Études Bibliques*, I. p. 141); he was naturally puzzled at the reference given by Volekmar (‘*Missale Romanum Mozarabicum*, missa in feria post Pentecosten p. 136’ *D. 4^e Buch Ezra*, p. 273), but a little consideration might have enabled him to see a confused combina-

tion of two distinct works in this ‘titre bizarre,’ viz. the *Miss. Rom.*, where chap. ii. 36, 37 is quoted, as Basnage points out (comp. Fabricius, *Cod. Pseudep. V. T.* Ed. 2, II. p. 191), and the *Brev. Mozarab.*, which contains the long quotation from ch. viii.

² In verse 33 we read, *iusti enim* Colb., Jen., Δ., O. 8, *iustus* (altered to *-ti*) *enim* Cod. A., while *iusti* alone is assigned to Cod. S., but the reading of this MS. was rather *iustus* or *iustis* (altered to *iusti*) followed by *enim* (now erased).

It is however in chapters xv. and xvi., which together form the 5th book of Esdras in the majority of MSS., that the text of Cod. A. differs most widely from that of Cod. S.; as an example we may compare xvi. 20—23 according to the two recensions:

Cod. A.

- 20 *Ecce famis plaga dimissa est, et tribulatio eius · tāquam mastix; castigatio in disciplina.*
 21 *Et super his omnibus non se auertent ab iniquitatibus suis nec super has plagas · memorantur sempiterna;*
 22 *Ecce erit annonae uilitas in breui super terram ut putent sibi esse directam pacem, tunc superflorescent mala super terram gladius et famis* (altered to -es).
 23 *Et aperiant* (altered to *aporient*) *uitam super terram, et gladius dispersit* (altered to *disperdet*) *quae superauerint a fame.*

Cod. S.

- 20 *Ecce famis* (altered to -es) *et plaga et tribulatio et angustia, missa sunt flagella in emendatione.*
 21 *Et in his omnibus se non conuertent ab iniquitatibus suis, neque flagellorum memores erunt semper.*
 22 *Ecce erit annonae uilitas super terram, sic ut putent sibi esse directam pacem, et tunc germinabunt mala super terram, gladius famis* (altered to -es) *et magna confusio.*
 23 *A fame enim plurimi qui inhabitant terram interient, et gladius perdet ceteros* (ceteros written above) *qui superauerint a fame.*

Again, a few verses lower down we have,

Cod. A.

- 30 *Quemadmodum relinquentur* (altered to -quantur) *in oliueto tres uel quattuor oliuae,*
 31 *Aut sicut in uinia* (altered to -ea) *uindimiata* (altered to -dem-): & *sub-* *remanet racemus patens · ab scrutantibus uindimiam* (altered to -dem-) *diligent* (two letters erased at end).
 32 *Sic remanebunt...*

Cod. S.

- 30 *Quemadmodum relinquuntur in oliueto et singulis arboribus tres aut quatuor oliuæ,*
 31 *Aut sicut in uinea vindemiata racini (altered to -ce-) relinquuntur ab his qui diligenter vineam scrutantur.*
 32 *Sic relinquuntur...*

In these two chapters we have no Oriental version to assist us in the criticism of the Latin text, and therefore quotations from early writers would be here especially welcome, yet hitherto one only has been pointed out by editors, viz. a short citation from xvi. 60 by Ambrose¹; but some centuries before the date of our two oldest MSS. several verses had been quoted from 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. xv., xvi.) by a writer of our own country². It is a curious fact that the editors of Gildas have from time to time called attention to the peculiar text of these extracts³, without attracting the notice of a single writer on this book of Ezra. I now give in full the quotations in Gildas, and subjoin the passages as they stand in Cod. A., and in Cod. S. A comparison of these seems to shew that in Cod. A. we have at last discovered the recension of the text which was used by Gildas.

GILD. EPIST.

Quid praeterea beatus Esdras propheta ille bibliotheca legis
 xv. 21 *minatus sit attendite, hoc modo disceptans: 'Huic dicit*

¹ *Non utique de hoc tecto dicit, sed de illo: extendit caelum sicut cameram*, Epist. xxix. (ed. Bened. Tom. ii. col. 909). This is evidently borrowed from 4 Esdr. xvi. 60, *qui extendit caelum quasi cameram*, and not from a somewhat similar passage in Is. xl. 22, which is thus cited by Ambrose: *qui statuit caelum ut cameram*, Hexaem. vi. § 2 (Tom. i. col. 116).

² In the so-called 'Epistola' of Gildas, generally ascribed to the middle of the sixth century. Thos. Wright thinks, that it was rather the work of an Anglo-Saxon, or foreign priest, of the seventh century (*Biogr. Brit. Lit.* p. 128), and his opinion is adopted by H. Morley (*English writers, The writers before Chaucer*, p. 219), but the earlier date is stren-

uously defended by Dr. Guest (*Proceedings of the Archaeological Institute*, 'Salisbury Vol.' 1849, p. 35).

³ 'Haec Esdrae testimonia nonnihil etiam differunt a vulgata lectione.' Gild. ed. Joan. Josselinus, fol. 52 vers., A.D. 1568. The latest editor, the Rev. A. W. Haddan, describes the passage from chap. xvi. as 'Vet. Lat. ap. Vulg., with considerable variations,' but his attempt to account for these variations is not satisfactory: 'Gildas also quotes... 2 Esdras (16 verses), in the Old Latin retained in V. but corrected by the Greek.' (*Councils and Ecclesiastical Documents relating to Great Britain and Ireland*, ed. by A. W. Haddan and W. Stubbs, Vol. i. pp. 70, 185, A.D. 1869.)

- 22 *Dominus meus: Non parcet dextera mea super peccantes,*
nec cessabit romphaea super effundentes sanguinem innocuum
 23 *super terram. Exhibet ignis ab ira mea, et devorabit funda-*
 24 *menta terrae et peccatores quasi stramen incensum. Uae eis*
 25 *qui peccant, et non observant mandata mea, dicit Dominus,*
non parcam illis. Discedite filii apostatae, et nolite contami-
 26 *nare sanctificationem meam. Novit Deus qui peccant in eum,*
 27 *propterea tradet eos in mortem, et in occisionem. Jam enim*
uenerunt super orbem terrarum mala multa.

Various readings from Cod. B. (=Dd. i. 17, Univ. Library, Cambridge)¹.

22. *pareet* B. *romphea* B. 23. *terre* B. 24. *Ue* B. 26. *peccavit* B.

5 ESDR.

Cod. A.²

- xv. 21, 22 *Haec dicit dñs dñs; non par-*
ce& dextera mea sup peccan-*
tes / nec cessavit rumphea
sup effundentes sanguinem in-
 23 *nocuum sup terrā, & exiit ig-*
nis ab ira eius / & deuoravit fun-
damenta terrae & peccatores
 24 *quasi stramen incensum, Uae*
hiis qui peccant / et non obser-
uant mandata mea dicit dñs,
 25 *Non parcā illis: discedite filii*
apostate: Nolite contaminare
 26 *scīficationē meā. Novit dñs qui*
peccant in eū Propterea tra-
de& eos in mortem et in occisio

¹ This is still the only surviving MS. of Gildas, that can be appealed to for the extracts which I quote. Some fragments of the Cottonian MS. (Vittellius A. vi.), as Mr. E. M. Thompson has kindly

informed me, escaped the fire, but these do not contain the quotations from 5 Esdras.

² In these extracts the text is printed line for line as it stands in Cod. A., and in Cod. S.

27 *nem; Jam enim uenerunt*
sup orbem terrarū mala.

22. *cessauit* altered to *-bit*.

COD. S.

xv. 21 *Haec dicit dñs dñs;*
 22 *Non parcd dextera mea sup peccato-*
res. nec cessabit rumphea sup
effundentes sanguinem innocuū sup
 23 *terram; & exiit ignis ab ira eius & deu-*
rauit fundamenta terrae. & peccatores
 24 *quasi stramen incensum; Ue eis qui pec-*
cant. & non observant mandata mea dicit
 25 *dñs; Non parcam illis; discedite filii a potes-*
tate; nolite contaminare scificationē meā.
 26 *qm nouit dñs oms qui de**linquunt in illū.*
propterea tradidit eos dñs in mortē & in occi-
 27 *sionem; Jam enim uenerunt sup orbem*
terrarum mala.

In the following quotation from the next chapter, the agreement between the text of Cod. A. and that given by Gildas is still more marked:

GILD. EPIST.

xvi. 3, 4, 5 *Immissus est gladius uobis ignis, et quis est qui recutiet ea?*
 6 *nunquid recutiet aliquis leonem esurientem in silua? aut*
nunquid extinguet ignem cum stramen incensum fuerit?
 8 *Dominus Deus mittet mala, et quis est qui recutiet ea?*
 9 *Et exiet ignis ex iracundia eius, et quis extinguet eum?*
 10 *Coruscabit, et quis non timebit? tonabit et quis non horrebit?*
 11 *Deus cuncta minabitur et quis non terrebitur? A facie eius*
 12 *tremet terra et fundamenta maris fluctuantur de profundo.*

5, 6, 8. *recuciet* B. 9. *exiet* B., *exibit* ed. Jossel. *quis qui ext.* B. 10. *Thonabit* B.
 12. *de superbo* B.

5 ESDR.

COD. A.

xvi. 3

In-

missus est gladius vobis;
& quis est qui auertat
 4 *eum? inmissus ē vobis*
ignis. & quis ē qui extin-
 5 *guat eū? immisa sunt vobis*
mala. & quis ē qui recu-
 6 *ci^a ea? Numquid recu-*
ti^d aliquis leonē esuri-
entem in silua? Aut nū-
quid extinguit ignē cū
stramen incensū fuerit?
 7 *Aut numquid recuti^d sagitā*
inmissam a sagitario forte?
 8 *Dñs dñs mittit mala. & quis*
 9 *recuciet ea? & exiet ignis*
& iracundia eius. & quis est
 10 *qui extinguat eū? curus-*
cabit. & quis nun timebit?
tonabit & quis non horre-
 11 *bit? Dñs cōminatur. quis*
non conterretur? A faciae
 12 *eius. trem^d terra a funda-*
mento eius. mare fluctuat²
de Pfundo.

4. *inmissus* altered to *immissus*.6. *esurientem*, *s* apparently added above *es-* and then erased.9. *exiet* altered to *exit*.10. *curuscabit* altered to *corus-*; *nun* altered to *non*.11. *conterretur*, *con* erased.12. *tremet* altered to *tremit*; *fluctuat²* altered to *fluctuat*.

Cod. S.

xvi. 3

Missus ē uobis

- 4 *gladius. & quis ē qui auertat illud? Missus ē uobis ignis. & quis ē qui extinguat*
 5 *illud? Missa sunt uobis mala & quis ē*
 6 *qui repellat ea? Numquid repellat aliquis leonem esurientē in silua? aut*
extinguat ignem in stipulam morque
 7 *coeperit ardere? Numquid aliquis repellit sagittā a sagittario forti*
 8 *missā? Dñs dñs mittit mala & quis re-*
 9 *pellat ea? Erit ignis ex iracundia ei'*
 10 *et quis ē qui extinguat eum? corrus-*
cabit & quis non timebit? tonabit.
 11 *& quis non surgebit? Dñs comminabit²*
& quis non funditus conteritur a facie
 12 *ipsius? Terra tremuit & fundamēta*
eius. mare fluctuat² de profundo.

- 3, 4. *missus* altered to *inmissus* (bis); *illud* altered to *illum* (bis).
 5. *misa* altered to *inmissa*.
 6. *extinguat* altered to *-guet*.
 7. *repellit* altered to *-let*.
 8. *repellat* altered to *-let*.
 10. *corruscabit*, the first 'r' partially erased.

With these extracts I bring to a close my remarks on the textual criticism of the 4th book of Ezra, and of the chapters attached to it in the Vulg. The MSS. which I have examined will be found tabulated at the end of this Introduction. None of those hitherto discovered in English libraries can be ascribed to a period earlier than the 13th century. The references scattered through the preceding pages will enable us to single out the more interesting specimens in the list: Codd. C. 6, 12, L. 7, O. 3, and W., for instance, are often grouped together as exhibiting, like Cod. T., the state of the text in Cod. S. before many corrections had been made. Cod. C. 10 and occasionally Cod. C. 11 have preserved some difficult readings, which have been replaced in most other MSS. by attempted emendations. Cod. H. also sometimes retains readings of this kind, though embedded in much that is late

and corrupt. Codd. C. 2, L. 8 and O. 4 may be dismissed without further remark, for the text of our book, as given by them, was probably copied from a printed edition. As it would be worth while to form gradually a complete catalogue of those MSS. of the Lat. Bible which contain the 4th book of Ezra, I will insert among the Addenda a supplementary list of all that have come under my notice. I take this opportunity of thanking numerous correspondents who have kindly assisted me in the search, and of stating at the same time that I shall be happy to receive further information on the subject from those connected with public or private libraries.

The references to the books quoted by me will, I trust, be readily understood; by Hilgenf. I denote the 'Messias Judæorum, ed. A. Hilgenfeld, Lips. 1869.' For Old Latin forms and constructions I have constantly referred to Rönisch's 'Itala und Vulgata, ed. 2, Marburg, 1875,' and the illustrations given by me may generally be regarded as supplementing his articles. As the missing fragment must henceforth be incorporated in chap. vii, I have ventured to make the necessary readjustment in the numbering of the verses; the awkward device of interpolating a chap. (vi.) in the middle of chap. vii. can scarcely be maintained any longer. In reprinting the patristic references to chap. vii. 36—105, I have not deemed it superfluous to subjoin various readings from a few MSS. which came to hand¹.

I regret that, owing to the little leisure at my disposal, the publication of this work has been delayed longer than might have been expected. It only remains for me now to return my thanks to Prof. J. Gildemeister for the letter which he has kindly allowed me to publish, to the Rev. F. J. A. Hort for examining the first proof of my notes on the Fragment and furnishing me with a series of valuable suggestions, and to Prof. W. Wright, who has been ever ready to aid me with his sympathy and counsel. To Dr. Ignace Guidi I am under special obligation for his careful collation of two Arabic MSS. in the Vatican. I will give a short account of their contents in the Addenda, reserving for a future work the full use of these important materials. M. J. Garnier also has a claim on my gratitude for the facilities afforded me during my visits to the Bibliothèque Communale at Amiens.

¹ The way in which the oft-quoted passage from Jerome has been passed on from editor to editor forms one of the many literary curiosities connected with the history of this book of Ezra. Instead of 'et proponis mihi librum apocryphum.....ubi scriptum est quod post mortem nullus pro aliis *audcat*

B.

deprecari,' Fabricius by a strange oversight printed *...propinas...* and *...gaudeat...*; his mistake reappeared in Laurence and even in Lücke (so far as he quotes the passage, *Versuch einer vollst. Einleitung in d. Offenb. des Joh.*), and has been repeated by Volekmar, Hilgenfeld, and Fritzsche.

LIST OF MSS.

AMIENS.

A. = 10, Bibliothèque Communale.

PARIS.

S. = 'Cod. Sangerm.', 11505, fonds Lat.,
Bibliothèque Nationale.

CAMBRIDGE.

- C. 1. = Ee. iv. 28, University Library.
 C. 2. = Dd. vii. 5, " "
 C. 3. = O. 4. 5, St. Peter's College.
 (Chapters i. ii. are not in C. 3.)
 C. 4. = O. 4. 6, " "
 C. 5. = 531 (ol. 601), Gonville and Caius
 College.
 C. 6. = D. iii. 47, St. Catharine's College.
 C. 7. = 2. A. 3, Jesus College.
 C. 8. = C. 24, St. John's College.
 C. 9. = I. 28, " "
 C. 10. = 2. I. 6, Emmanuel College.
 * C. 11. = Δ. 5. 11, Sidney Sussex College.
 C. 12. = 7. E. 3, Fitzwilliam Museum.
 C. 13. = Ee. i. 16, University Library.
 C. 14. = L. v. 24, Magdalene College.
 (C. 13 and C. 14 contain only chapters i. ii.)

LONDON.

- L. 1. = Bibl. Reg., 1. B. viii., British Museum.
 L. 2. = Bibl. Reg., 1. E. i., " "
 L. 3. = Harleian, 1793, " "
 L. 4. = Harleian, 2807, " "
 L. 5. = Harleian, 2814, " "
 L. 6. = Burney, 6, " "
 L. 7. = Sloane, 1521, " "
 L. 8. = Bibl. Reg. 1. E. vii., " "

L. 9. = I. Sir M. Hale's MSS., Lincoln's Inn.
 (In L. 9 many leaves have been cut out; 4 Ezr.
 begins with eh. vi. 13.)

W. = MS. of Lat. Bible (no class-mark), in
 the Library of Westminster Abbey.

OXFORD.

- O. 1. = Laud Lat., 12, Bodleian Library.
 O. 2. = Hatton, D. 4. 8, " "
 O. 3. = Mus., D. 5. 20, " "
 O. 4. = Canon. Bibl. Lat., 67, " "
 O. 5. = II., New College.
 O. 6. = CCCXVI., " "
 O. 7. = LIV., Magdalen College.
 O. 8. = Canon. Bibl. Lat., 71, Bodleian Libr.
 (O. 8 contains only 4 Ezr. viii. 20—36.)

HOLKHAM.

H. = MS. of Lat. Bible in the Library of the
 Earl of Leicester.

DUBLIN.

- Δ. = A. 1. 12, Trinity College.
 (Δ. contains only 4 Ezr. viii. 20—36. I am indebted
 for a transcript of these verses to the Rev. Dr. B.
 Dickson.)

ZÜRICH.

T. = 'Cod. Turicensis,' C. 16. 5, Stadtbibli-
 othek.
 (Collated by O. F. Fritzsche.)

DRESDEN.

D. = A. 47, Königl. öffentl. Bibliothek.
 (Collated by A. Hilgenfeld.)

non dormient ; & ap
parebit locus tormenti .
& cum illo erit locus re
(fol. 62. r. b.)

(v. 36)

quisitionis; & cibarius ge*hen
 nae ostendit² . & contra
 eam iocunditatis paradi
 sus & dicit tunc altissim^{us}
 ad excitatas gentes , uidete
 & intellegite quē negat^{is}
 tis ✓ uel cui non seruistis ✓
 uel cuius diligentias spre
 uistis , uidete contra &
 in contra ✓ hic iocunditas
 & requies ✓ & ibi ignis &
 tormenta , haec autem
 loqueris ✓ dicesⁿ ad eos; in
 die iudicii haec talis ✓ qui
 neq; solem . neque lunā .
 (v. 40) neque stellas . neque nu
 bem ✓ neq; tonitruum .
 neq; conruscationem .
 neq; uentum neq; aquā ✓
 neque aerem neque
 nebras ✓ neq; fero ✓ ne
 que mane ✓ neque aesta
 tem . neque uer . ne
 que estus neq; hāemē .
 neq; gaelu* . neque fri
 gus ✓ neque grandinē .
 neq; pluuiam ✓ neque
 rorem . neque meridiem .
 neque noctem . neque
 ante lucem . neq; nictorem ✓
 (fol. 62. v. a.)

5

10

15

20

25

30

neque claritas^{te} . neque lux^{ce} :
 nisi solummodo splendorem
 claritatis altissimi ✓ unde
 omnes incipiant uidere
 quae ante posita sunt , spati
 um enim habebit sicut ebdo
 mada* annorum; hoc est
 iudicium meum & constituti
 o eius ✓ t^{bi} autē soli ostendi
 haec , Et respondi tunc & (v. 45)
 dixi ✓ dñe & nunc dico ; beati
 *** praesentes & obseruantes
 quae autem^{a te} constituta sūt ✓ sed
 & quib; his erat oratio mea .
 quis enim est de presentibus;
 qui non peccauit ✓ uel quis
 natus qui non preteribit
 sponsonē tuam ! ✓ Et nunc ui
 deo quā ad paucos pertinebit
 futurā saeculi iocunditatem
 facere ✓ multis enim totū
 ta , increuit enim in nos . cor
 malum . quod nos abelinaū^{a e}
 ab his ✓ & dedux nos in corrup
 tionem . & : itinera mortis; os
 tendit nobis semitas pditionis
 & longae fecit nos a uita,
 & hoc non paucos sed paene
 omnes qui creati sunt , & res
 pondit ad me & dixit ,
 (fol. 62. v. b.)

audi me & ⁱⁿfirmam te ✓ &
 de sequenti corripiam te,
 (v. 50) Propter hoc non sufficit
 altissimo unum saeculum
 sed duo, tu enim quia dixi
 ti non esse multos iustos sed
 paucos . impios uero mul-
 tiplicari ✓ audi ad haec; lapi-
 des electos si habueris pau-
 cos . ualde ad numerum eorum
 compones eos tibi, plumbum^b
 autem & fictile habundat,
 & dixi; dñe . quomodo pote-
 rit ! ✓ & dixit ad me, non hoc
 solum modum sed interro-
 ga terram & dicet tibi ✓ adula-
 re ei . & narrabit tibi . di-
 cens; enim & aurum creasⁱ .
 & argentum . & aeramen-
 tum ✓ & ferrum quoque
 & plumbum^b . & fictile;
 multipli cat² autem argen-
 tum sup_r aurum . & aera-
 mentum sup_r argentum . &
 ferrum sup_r aeramentū
 plumbū sup_r ferrum ✓
 & fictile sup_r plumbū,
 aestima & tu ^{hec} quae ****
 sint praeciosa & deside-
 rabilia ✓ quod multiplicat²
 (fol. 63. r. a.)

aut quod rarum nascitur,
 & dixi; dominator dñe . qd
 *abundat uultus ✓ quod enim
 enim rarus praeciosus ÷,
 & respondit ad me & dixit
 In te . fiant . pondera quae
 cogitasti ✓ quoniam qui habet
 quod difficile ÷ ✓ gaudet sup-
 eum qui habet habundan-
 tiā; sic & amare promiss-
 sa creatura, iocunda
 horum enim super paucis . & qui
 saluabuntur; propterea
 quod ipsi sunt qui gloriam
 meam nunc dominatio-
 nem fecerunt . & per
 quos nunc nomen meum
 nominatum est; & non
 confitis tabo² super mul-
 titudinem eorum qui pe-
 rierunt, ipsi enim sunt
 qui uano^{pori} nunc adsimila-
 ti sunt & flammac ✓ ad
 similitudinem fumo adaequa-
 ti sūt & exarserunt ✓ ferue-
 runt & extincti sunt, &
 respondi & dixi, O tu * ter-
 ra quid peperisti . si sensus
 *** factus ÷ de puluere
 sicut & cetera creatura !
 (fol. 63. r. b.)

melius enim erat ipsum
 puluerem non esse natum ✓
 ut non sensus inde fieret ,
 nunc autem nobiscum cres-
 cit sensum . & propter hoc
 torquemur , quoniam scientes
 (v. 65) perimus , lugeat hominum
 genus ✓ & agrestes bestiae
 laescentur ; lugeant omnes
 qui nati sunt ✓ quadrupedia
 uero & pecora iocundantur
 tur , multum enim meli-
 us est illis quam nobis ,
 Non enim sperant iudi-
 cium . nec enim sciunt
 cruciamenta ✓ nec salutem
 post mortem repromis-
 sam sibi , Nobis autem
 quid prodit quoniam saluati
 saluabimur . sed tormentum
 tormentabimur !
 Omnes enim qui nati sunt .
 commixti sunt iniquita-
 tibus ; & plene in peccatis .
 & grauati delictis ; & si
 non essemus post mor-
 tem in iudicio uementis ✓
 melius fortassis nobis
 (v. 70) uenisset , & respondit
 ad me , & dixit , & quan-
 (fol. 63. v. a.)

do altissimus faciens
 faciebat saeculum : a-
 dam & omnes qui cum eo
 uenerunt ✓ primum prae-
 parauit iudicium ✓ & quae
 sunt iudicii , & nunc de
 sermonibus ; tuis intelle-
 ge ✓ ^{uel sensu} quoniam dixisti . quia
 nobiscum crescit , qui
 ergo commozantes sunt
 in terra . hinc crucia-
 buntur ✓ quoniam sensum
 habentes . iniquitatem
 fecerunt ✓ & mandata ac-
 cipientes . non seruauerunt
 ea ✓ & legem con-
 sequuti . fraudauerunt
 eam quam acceperunt ,
 & quid habebunt dicere
 in iudicio ! uel quomo-
 do respondebunt in
 nouissimis temporibus !
 quantum enim tempus ex
 quo longanimitatem
 habuit * altissimus
 his qui inhabi-
 tant saeculum !
 & non propter eos sed propter
 ea quae prouident tempora ;
 & respondi ✓ & dixi ,
 (v. 75)
 (fol. 63. v. b.)

si inueni gratiam eozā
 te dñe ✓ demonstra due
 seruo tuo . si post mor
 tem . uel nunc . quando
 reddimus unus quis
 que animam suam ✓
 si conseruati conserua
 bimus ^{is} requie , donec
 ueniant tēpora illa .
 in quib; incipies creatu
 ram renouare ; aut amo
 do cruciamur ! ✓ & res
 pondit ad me & dixit ,
 ostendam tibi & hoc , tu
 autem noli* commisceri
 cum eis qui spreuerunt ✓
 neque connumeret te
 cum his qui cruciantur ,
 & enim ÷ tibi thesaurus
 operum repositus a
 pud altissimum ✓ sed non
 tibi demonstrabitur .
 usque in nouissimis tem
 poribus , Nam de morte
 sermo^e ; quando pfectus
 fuerit t̄minus senten
 tiae ab altissimo . ut ho
 mo moriatur . rece* *den
 te inspiratione de
 eozpoze ✓ ut dimit
 (fol. 64. r. a.)

tatur iterum ad eum qui
 dedit adorare gloriā al
 tissimi*primum ; & si
 quidē effi& eorum qui
 inspirauerunt & non ser
 uauer̄ uiam altissimi .
 & eorum qui contempser̄
 legem eius . & eorum qui
 oderunt eos . qui timent eum ✓
 haec* inspirationes . in ha
 bitationes non ingredien
 tur . sed uagantes erunt
 amodo in cruciamentis ✓
 dolentes semp & tristes ,
 uia prima ✓ quia spreuer̄
 legem altissimi ✓ facien
 da uia ✓ quā non possunt
 reuersionē bonā facere
 ut uiuant , tertia uia ✓ in
 dent repositam mercedem
 his qui testam̄tis altissi
 mi crediderunt , quarta
 uia ✓ considerab̄nt sibi
 in nouissimis repositum
 crucia^{men}*tum . quinta uia . (v. 85)
 uidentes aliorum habita
 culū ab angelis conseruari
 eum silentio magno , sexta
 uia ✓ uidentes quē ad modū
 de eis ptransientem crucia
 (fol. 64. r. b.)

mentum, septima cruci
 am̃tū uia * ē omnium que
 supra dictae sunt uarū
 maior ✓ qm d&abescet
 in confusione ✓ & confu
 munt^e in horrorib; & mar
 cescent in timorib; ✓ in
 dentef gloriā altissimī
 cozā quē uidentef pecca
 uerunt ✓ & coram quo in
 cipient in nouissimis tem
 porib; iudicari, Nam eo
 rū qui uas seruauerunt
 altissimi ✓ ordo ÷ hic; quan
 do incipitⁿ seruari a ua
 so^e co2ruptibili ✓ in eo tem
 po2e cōmozatae . serue
 runt cum laboze altissimo,
 & omni ho2a sustinuer
 periculum . ut* pfectae
 custodirent legistato2if
 (v. 90) legem ✓ propter quod hic
 de his sermo, imprimis
 uident cum exultatione
 multā gloriā eius ✓ qui
 suscepit eas; requiescent
 enim p septem ordines,
 Ordo primus ✓ qm cum la
 boze multo certati sunt .
 ut uncerent cum eis plāfina
 (fol. 64. v. a.)

tum cogitamentū malū .
 ut non eas seducat a m
 ta, Item saecundus ordo
 qm uident complēcati
 onem in quo uagant² in
 pio2ū animae ✓ & quae
 in eis man& punitio;
 tertius ordo ✓ uidentef testi
 monium quo^d testifica
 tus ÷ eis q' plasmat^{it} eas ✓ quō
 uidentef seruauer que
 p fidem data ÷ lex, quar
 tus ordo ✓ intellegentef re
 quem quem^a nunc in
 promptuariis congrega
 ti requiescent cū silen
 tio multo ab angelis con
 seruati ✓ & quae^{at} in nouis
 simis eo2ū manentem glo
 riam, quintus ordo ✓ ex
 ultantes . quomodo cor
 riptibile effugerint nunc
 & futuram quomodo
 hereditatem posseder,
 adhuc autem uidentef
 angust^vim & plenum
 quā liberati sunt ✓
 & spatiosum recipere
 frui nescientes & immoz
 tales, sextus ordo ✓
 (fol. 64. v. b.)

quando eis ostendit² quo
 modo incipit² nuntius
 eorum fulgere sicut sol :
 & quomodo incipient
 stellarⁱⁱ ad^fsimilari lumini .
 5 quomodo n corupti ,
 septimus ordo . qui est om
 nib; supradictis maior :
 qui exultabunt cum fi
 dutia ✓ & qm̄ confident
 10 hnt non confusi . & gau
 debunt non reuertentes ,
 festinant enim ^{uidere} uultum ✓
 cui seruiunt iuuentē ✓
 & a quo incipiunt glorio
 si mercedem recipere ,
 hic ordo animarum ius
 tozum . ut amodo anⁿunti
 entur p̄dictae mae cru
 ciatus ✓ quos patiunt² a
 20 modo qui neglexerint ,
 (v.100) Et respondi & dixi ,
 ergo dabit² tempus ani
 mabus postquam sepa
 rat^s fuerint de cor^{po}rib;
 25 ut uideant de quo mihi
 dixisti ! ✓ & dixit , sep
 tem dieb; erit libertas
 earum . ut uideant quæ
 p̄dicta* i sermone ✓
 30 (fol. 65. r. a.)

& postea congregabunt²
 in habitaculis suis , & respon
 di & dixi . si inueni gratiam
 ante oculos tuos : demonstra
 mihi adhuc sermo tuo . si in
 die iudicii iusti impios execu
 sare poterint * : deprecari p̄ ^{uel}
 eis altissimum ; si patres
 p̄ filios . uel filii p̄ parentib; ✓ si
 fratres p̄ fratrib; si ad
 fines p̄ proximis ✓ si fiden
 tes pro carissimis . uel p̄ fi
 do* carissimus : ✓ ut p̄ eo
 intellegat aut dormiat
 aut manducet . aut cur[&]* ; Et dixi ;
 sic nūquā nemo p̄ aliquo ro (v. 105)
 gabit , Omnes enim porta
 bunt . unq̄ quis que tunc in
 iustitias suas . aut iustitias ,
 & respondi & dixi , & quo
 modo inueni^r modo qm̄
 roga^{ut}* p̄m̄ abraham p̄pt
 sodomitas . & moyses

NOTES.

- fol. 62. r. b. l. 28 *The original reading was probably do2mbunt as in Cod. S. Comp. a similar change in fol. 65. r. a. l. 10, 11.*
- fol. 62. v. a. l. 1 *ge*hennae—c has been erased before h.*
Similarly geçhennam chap. 11. 29.
- „ „ l. 2 *oftend&²—² was originally written as an inverted comma.*
- „ „ l. 6 *intellegit*c—a erased.*
- „ „ l. 7 *fer**uistuf—u erased.*
- „ „ l. 18 *co*rufcationem—appar. r erased. Comp. 'corruscatio' Gloss. Lat. Bibl. Paris. antiquiss. saec. ix. ed. G. F. Hildebrand, pp. 81, 149.*
- „ „ l. 24 **hāemē—c erased.*
- „ „ l. 25 *gaclu*—f erased.*
- „ „ l. 28 *ro2c̄—2 written over an erasure.*
- fol. 62. v. b. l. 5 *que—the o below the c added in darker ink.*
- „ „ „ *posita—i seems to have been added above a and afterwards effaced.*
- „ „ l. 7 *ebdomada*—appar. f erased.*
- „ „ l. 9 *t^{hi}—^{hi} has been added later.*
- „ „ l. 12 *A word, probably qui, was prefixed to this line and afterwards erased.*
- „ „ l. 20 *futurā—ā orig. ū.*
- fol. 63. r. a. l. 4 *altissimo—mo orig. ny.*
- „ „ l. 11 *componcf—m orig. n.*
- „ „ l. 12 *An erasure after fictile.*
- „ „ l. 13 *poterit—e written over an erasure, and r added at the beginning of l. 14.*
- „ „ l. 17 *narrabit—b orig. u.*

- fol. 63. r. a. l. 26, 27 plumbū—b orig. m. *Du Cange gives the form 'plumum' from a Charter of the 13th century. Comp. in English 'plummet,' and the surname 'Plummer.' A like assimilation takes place in 'commurat,' 'commusta' (= comb-), and in 'ammulantibus' (= amb-). Schuchardt, Vocal. des Vulgärlateins, I. 183, III. 318.*
- „ „ l. 28 haec erased at the end of this line.
- fol. 63. r. b. l. 3 *abundat—probably h erased.
- „ „ „ quod—orig. quid.
- „ „ l. 4 pra&iofiōf—the final f orig. r.
- „ „ l. 6 The two stops in this line written faintly by a later hand.
- „ „ l. 11 iocundabo2—orig. iucundabo2.
- „ „ l. 19 confrif tabo2—divided thus in the MS.; for the spelling comp. 'constris-tatus' Mark x. 22, Cod. Bobbiens. (Wiener Jahrbücher der Lit. Vol. 121.)
- „ „ l. 22 uapori is the result of an early correction, the last letter is retouched.
- „ „ l. 25 ferberunt—b orig. u.
- „ „ l. 27 Prob. t̄ has been erased; ter is added in larger letters beyond the line.
- „ „ l. 28, 29 Similarly fuf has been added after the end of l. 28, and appar. the same syllable erased at the beginning of l. 29.
- „ „ l. 30 e&era—e&e written over an erasure.
- fol. 63. v. a. l. 7 lugeat—e orig. i.
- fol. 63. v. b. l. 18 acceperunt—orig. acciperunt.
- „ „ l. 23 quātūⁿ—ⁿ has been added later.
- „ „ l. 25 habuit—b has been retouched, uit is written over an erasure, and appar. ÷ erased at the end of the word.
- „ „ l. 26 hū*f—i erased.
- fol. 64. r. a. l. 5 reddimuf—i orig. e, altered by a later hand.
- „ „ l. 8 requie—final e written over an erasure.
- „ „ l. 15 nolī*—appar. i erased. So nolī* chap. II. 27, VI. 10, IX. 13, X. 34, 55. 'nolii' Matth. I. 20, VI. 2, 7; John XII. 15, XX. 27, Book of Deer (ed. for the Spalding Club by J. Stuart, 1869). Luke VIII. 49, 50,

Rushworth Gospels (ed. Skeat). *Comp.* audi* chap. vii. 2, viii. 19, xi. 16, and 'oboediite' Hebr. xiii. 17, *Cod. Clarom.* (ed. Tischend.)

- fol. 64. r. a. l. 17 connumerēf—orig. connumerif.
 „ „ l. 21 apud—orig. aput.
 „ „ l. 28 rece* *den—the second e is due to an old corrector, and den is added beyond the line.
 fol. 64. r. b. l. 3 A stop erased before primum.
 „ „ l. 4 quidē—e has been retouched.
 „ „ l. 10 hae*—e written over an erasure; appar. e erased after it, as also in chap. xiii. 40.
 „ „ „ inspirationēf—e orig. i.
 „ „ l. 29 uia—a orig. a.
 fol. 64. v. a. l. 2 Appar. ÷ erased, and ē substituted.
 „ „ „ que added later beyond the line.
 „ „ l. 6 horrorib;—orig. honorib;. *Comp. Eccles.* i. 14, where *Cod. Amiat.* has 'horribilis' and *ed. Sixtino-Clem.* 'honorabilis,' and *Mal.* i. 14, where the former has 'honorabile' and the latter 'horribile.' (See *Bibl. S. Lat. V. T.* ed. Heyse et Tischendorf.)
 „ „ l. 10 quo—no written over an erasure.
 „ „ l. 19 futinuer—i orig. e (corr. by later hand).
 „ „ l. 20 ut*—appar. final i erased.
 fol. 64. v. b. l. 10 plasmaū^{it}—orig. plasmaū, ^{it} added in lighter ink.
 „ „ l. 15 promptuarnf—o orig. u.
 „ „ l. 18 qu*e—a partially erased.
 „ „ l. 22 corriptibile—e orig. i.
 „ „ l. 23 futuram—a orig. u.
 fol. 65. r. a. l. 5 ftellar^ū—there is a trace of a mark of abbreviation above r.
 „ „ l. 10 fidutia—t orig. c.—NT (written in a compound form) added at the end of the line.
 „ „ l. 11 confusi—there is a slight trace of f written above n.
 „ „ l. 20 quof—o seems to have been orig. a.

- fol. 65. r. a. l. 30 pⁱdicta¹*—*prob. e erased.*
- fol. 65. r. b. l. 7 *Prob. & erased in this line—uel substituted in the margin.*
- „ „ l. 9 uel *written over an erasure.*
- „ „ l. 11 a^fd^finef—*e orig. 1.*
- „ „ l. 12 uel *written over an erasure.*
- „ „ „ p fⁱ—*added beyond the line.*
- fol. 65. r. b. l. 13 do*—*o orig. u—final f erased.*
- „ „ „ carifimuf—*final f written over an erasure—m erased.*
- „ „ l. 15 cur&*—*orig. eur&²—Et dñx; added at the end of the line.*
- „ „ l. 17 rogabit—*b orig. u.*
- „ „ l. 21 muenⁱinus—*uen written over an erasure.*
- „ „ l. 22 roga^{ut}*—*orig. rogañ, ^{ut} added in lighter ink.*

4 EZRA VII. 36—105.

36 Er apparebit lacus tormenti, et contra illum erit locus requietionis; et clibanus
 37 gehennae ostendetur, et contra eum iocunditatis paradisos. Et dicet tunc Altis-
 sinus ad excitatas gentes: uidete et intellegite quem negastis, uel cui non

(In the notes immediately below the text both the original readings and the later corrections
 found in the MS. are printed in *Italics*).

36. lacus locus. contra illum cum illo. requietionis requisitionis. eum cum

36. If we possessed only the Lat. vers., the *locus tormenti* of our MS. might pass unchallenged (comp. Luko xvi. 28, Cod. Bezae Lat.); but there can be no doubt that *locus* is an echo from the following clause, (as the second *uenae* is from the preceding clause in chap. iv. 7, where the MSS. have *uenae...uenae* for *uenae...uiaē*), and that, with the authority of the other versions, we must read *lacus tormenti*. With this comp. *cum deducerent eum ad infernum cum his qui descendunt in lacum*, Ezek. xxxi. 16 Hieron. Vet. Lat. (a chap. from which other reminiscences may be traced in 4 Ezra), and *de lacu miseriae*, Ps. xxxix. 3 (so conversely in Rev. xviii. 17, *qui in locum nauigat*, Codd. Amiat. et Fuld., has been corrupted into *qui in lacum nau.*, ed. Sixtino-Clement.). This phrase is rendered ὁ κόλπος τῶν βασάνων in Hilgenfeld's attempted restoration of the Greek: but ὁ κόλπος is derived solely from the Syr. ܠܥܠܐ, which is scarcely satisfactory; for this I propose to read ܠܥܠܐ 'puteus', 'fouea' = جُب of the Arab. Compendium (Arab.²). For another instance of the confusion of the letters ܠ and ܥ in the MS., see chap. xi. 37, Ceriani's note. By these

two slight emendations, the Lat., Syr., Æth. and Arab. versions are brought into harmony with one another, and all point to an original ὁ λάκκος τῆς βασάνων.

et contra illum erit locus requietionis] The Syr. and Æth. verss. suggest this emendation; *requietionis* was probably first corrupted into *requisitionis*, and the introduction of this new word involved the further change of *contra illum* to *cum illo*. In the Arab. vers. نياح (not نياخ) = Syr.

ܢܝܚܐ. See Fleischer, *Zeitschr. d. D. M. G.*, vol. xviii. p. 291, and Com. de Baudissin, *Transl. Ant. Arab. Libri Iobi quae supers.* p. 111.

iocund. parad.] = ὁ τῆς τρυφῆς παράδεισος. Comp. the LXX in Gen. ii. 15 (Cod. Vat.), iii. 23, 24; Ezek. xxxi. 9, Joel ii. 3; the pl. τῶν τρυφῶν in Hilgenf. rests only on the ribbui of the Syr.

37. For Hilgenfeld's Gk. καὶ ἐρεῖ τότε ὁ ὑψιστος κατὰ τῶν λαῶν τῶν ἐξεγερθέντων I would substitute κ. ἐ. τ. ὁ ὑψ. πρὸς τὰ ἔθνη τὰ ἐξεγερθέντα, which best explains all the versions, not excepting the Syr., for πρὸς may be well rendered by ܠܥܠܐ in such a context, comp. Luke xviii. 9 Pesh.

38 seruistis, nel cuius diligentias spreuistis. Uidete contra et in contra: hic iocunditas et requies, et ibi ignis et tormenta; haec autem loqueris dicens ad eos in
39 die iudicii. Hic talis qui neque solem [habeat] neque lunam, neque stellas,

38, 39. dicens ad eos in die iudicii; Hic talis...diceⁿs ad eos; in die iudicii *hāec* talis...
39. solem [habeat] *solem*.

For *populis resuscitatorum*, in Hilgenfeld's emended translation of the Arab., read *populis qui resuscitati sunt* (according to Ockley's construction), which is the correct rendering of the vulg. Arab. *لِلَّذِينَ قَامُوا*, and agrees with the other versions.

The word *diligentiam*, which occurs in chap. iii. 19 in parallelism with *legem*, has been a source of much perplexity to commentators; we have here another instance of the same peculiar use of this word. It naturally came to mean scrupulous attention to commands, and particularly to religious duties. Comp. *diligentia mandatorum tuorum*, Cic.; *sacrorum diligentia*, id.; *tanquam diligentiam suam etiam ipsi Deo praeferentibus*, Iren. iv. 11, Old Lat. trans.: just as, on the other hand, *indiligentia* is used for neglect of duty, or trespass, in the old Lat. vers. of Leviticus, ed. by Lord Ashburnham (1869): e.g. in chap. v. 16, 18, vi. 6, where the Gk. is *πλημμελεια*; similarly chap. v. 19, *Insuper enim habebit indiligentiam* (not *quaecumque deliquerit*, as quoted by Ranke, *Par Palimps.* Wirceburg. p. 231) *indiligens fuit ante Deum*, where the Gk. is *ἐπλημμέλησε γὰρ πλημμελεια ἐναντι κυρίου*. Comp. also v. 15. In other passages of this vers. *πλημμελεῖν* and *πλημμελεια* are represented by *negligere* and *negligentia*. In these instances the Greek word doubtless suggested this translation, in accordance with the etymology which we find set forth at length by one who fondly clung to the Old Lat. vers. *Et πλημμελεια simile nomen est negligentiae: nam Graece negligentia ἀμέλεια dicitur, quia curae non est quod negligitur. Sic enim Graecus dicit, Non curo, οὐ μέλει μοι. Particula ergo quae additur πλὴν, ut dicatur πλημμελεια, praeter significat, ut ἀμέλεια quod uocatur negligentia, uideatur sonare sine cura, πλημμελεια praeter curam, quod pene tantundem est. Hinc et quidam nostri πλημμελειαν non delictum, sed negligentiam interpretari maluerunt. In latina autem lingua quid aliud negligitur nisi quod non legitur, id est*

non eligitur? Unde etiam legem a legendo, id est ab eligendo latini auctores appellatum esse dixerunt. August. quaest. in Levit. § xx. The word *diligentia*, as used in the 4th book of Ezra, by a natural transition takes the meaning of that which is to be observed,—an observance; just as *מִשְׁמֶרֶת* by a similar process becomes associated with laws and ordinances. Gen. xxvi. 5; Deut. xi. 1. Comp. also *observationes*, Lev. xviii. 30 (Ashb.). In a paper read by me before the Cambridge Hebr. Soc. in 1869 I pointed out that *diligere niam tuam*, ch. iii. 7 (Syr. = *mandatum*, Æth. = *mandatum iustitiae*), must stand in close connexion with *diligentiam*, iii. 19 (Syr. = *mandata*, Æth. = *mandatum*). I now find my conjecture confirmed by Codd. A. and S., both of which have in the former place *diligentiam unam tuam*. See p. 28.

38, 39. The Syr. and Æth. verss. suggest the following reading: *haec loquetur ad eos in die iudicii, dies enim iudicii talis qui...*

39. *neque solem...* The Arab. alone inserts an additional noun here: *In illo die non erit neque sol, neque lux, neque luna, neque stella, neque nubes...* (*lucem* dans appended to *sol* in the Arm. seems from the context to be a mere expletive). We find the same sequence in Eccles. xii. 2 *antequam tenebrescat sol, et lumen, et luna, et stellae, et reuertantur nubes...*

[*habeat*] The insertion of some such verb is required by the structure of the sentence, and introduces less disturbance than the substitution of *cui* for *qui* and of the nom. for the accus. in the following nouns. Of the nine MSS. of the Æth. vers. in the Brit. Mus. one only (Or. 490) has the reading *albātī dahaya* 'non habet (dies iud.) solem.' The reading of the others *albō dahay* 'non est sol' favours the conjectural emendation of Van der Vlis, yet they do not all (see especially Or. 489) consistently maintain the nom. case throughout the series.

- 40 Neque nubem, neque tonitruum, neque coruscationem, neque uentum, neque aquam,
 41 neque aerem, neque tenebras, neque sero, neque mane, Neque aestatem, neque
 uer, neque aestum, neque hiemem, neque gelu, neque frigus, neque grandi-
 42 nem, neque pluuiam, neque rorem, Neque meridiem, neque noctem, neque ante
 lucem, neque nitorem, neque claritatem, neque lucem, nisi solummodo splendorem

41. aestum *estus* altered to *estū*. gelu *gaclus* altered to *gelu*.

42. claritatem *claritas* altered to *claritatem*. neque lucem *neque lux* altered to *neque lucem*.

40. *neque tonitr., neque corusc.*] This is also the order in Ambrose (see extract A.). In the Syr. and Æth. verss. it is inverted.

sero] This form is probably due to the predominant adverbial use of such words; *serum* might be thought to range better with the nouns in the list, but though we have such phrases as *quia serum erat diei*, Liv. vii. 8, in *serum dimicatione protracta*, Suet. Aug. 17, and *serum* as an occasional variant for *sero* in the formula *sero factum est*, e.g. in Judith xiii. 1, Cod. Pech. (Sab.), Mark iv. 35, Cod. Pal. (ed. Tischend.), comp. Mark xi. 19, xiv. 17, Cod. Bobbiens. (ed. Tisch.), *Wiener Jahrbücher der Lit.* Vols. 121, 123, yet it would be difficult to find in the Latin of this period examples of *serum* used absolutely like its modern derivatives 'sera,' 'soir,' as an equivalent for *vesper*, the word which Ambrose substitutes in his paraphrase of this passage. Isidore of Sevilla (Sacc. vii.) seems to bring us nearer to this use of the word, in the curious etymology which he proposes: *serum uocatum a clausis seris, quando nox uenit, ut unusquisque somno tutior sit.* Orig. Lib. v. 30, 17.

41. In attempting to explain the variations of the different versions in this long enumeration, we must make some allowance for the idiom of language, which groups words together according to a natural affinity. The two seasons which come first in order are thus represented by the three leading authorities: Lat. *aestas, uer*; Syr. *aestas, hiems*; Æth. *hiems, aestas*. Now, referring to Zach. xiv. 8 and Ps. lxxiii. 17 קִיץ וְהָרֵף, LXX. *thépos kai éap*, we find in the Old Lat. (Sab.), the Syr. (Pesh.), and the Æth. respectively, the same two seasons linked together as in the corresponding translations of this verse.

Again, the Syr. and Æth. verss. have three seasons, the Lat. two only, unless we suppose *hiemem*

to be displaced. Comp. the paraphrase of Ambrose, *neque aestas neque hiems uices uariabant temporum*, but this cannot be pressed. The present position of *hiemem* after *aestum* is probably due to its second signification 'storm' (χεῖμὼν). In some copies of the Æth. there is a similar combination, since after *aestum* (for which *sudor* is unfortunately given both in Laurence and Hilgenf.) follows *procella* according to the Berlin MS. (Prætorius) and the majority of the MSS. in the Brit. Mus. Similarly in the Arab. a word for 'storm' comes immediately after the seasons. For *aestus* (before *autumnus*) in the Lat. transl. from the Arab. we must read *aestas*.

Ewald explains لَنَافَس as the pl. fract. of لَنَفَس = λαμπάς. I may notice, however, that this word has been altered in the MS.; the base of the λ has been apparently retouched, the ς was originally λ, and ς has been erased before ذ. The *lucerna* of Hilgenf. can scarcely be accepted as an adequate translation of the term; it would rather, I conceive, be illustrated by the λαμπάδες of Exod. xx. 18. But in the absence of any other example, the existence of such a word in Arab. must be regarded as doubtful.

42. *ante lucem*] The other verss. lead us to expect a noun here as above in v. 40, and it is not improbable that in the original text of the Lat. there stood the rare word *antelucium*. We have a trace of this form as a var. for *anteluculo*, Apul. *Met.* i. 14 (ed. Hildebr.); and examples of the ablative are found in Apul. *Met.* i. 11, and ix. 15. It is worth noticing in connexion with the reading of our MS. that in both these passages we find as a var. for *antelucio* the easier expression *ante lucem*. In

53 ad numerum eorum compones eos tibi, plumbum autem et fictile abundat. Et
 54 dixi: domine, quomodo poterit? Et dixit ad me: non hoc solummodo, sed interroga
 55 terram, et dicet tibi, adulare ei, et narrabit tibi, Dices ei: aurum creas et
 56 argentum et aeramentum, et ferrum quoque et plumbum et fictile; Multiplicatur
 autem argentum super aurum, et aeramentum super argentum, et ferrum super
 57 aeramentum, plumbum super ferrum, et fictile super plumbum. Aestima et tu,
 quae sint pretiosa et desiderabilia, quod multiplicatur aut quod rarum nascitur.
 58 Et dixi: dominator domine, quod abundat uilius, quod enim rarius pretiosius est.
 59 Et respondit ad me et dixit: In te †stant pondera quae cogitasti, quoniam qui habet
 60 quod difficile est, gaudet super eum, qui habet abundantiam; Sic et a me repromissa

54. solummodo ^o*solummodum*. 55. Dices ei: aurum creas ^{t2}*dicens; enim & aurum creas*.
 57. quae quae haec altered to haec quae.
 58. enim enim enim. pretiosius praetiosior altered to pretiosius.
 60. Sic et a me repromissa creatura sic & amare promissa creatura.

the other versions, but the verb *συνθήσεις*, taken in the meaning of 'construct,' required the insertion of an object before the materials.

54. *adulare* seems to import a needless intensity into a simple appeal; no stronger word than *loquere* is required by the other versions.

55. Comp. chap. viii. 2. By substituting *dices* for *dicens*, and *ei* for *et*, I have brought this Latin clause into harmony with the other versions. A strong argument that it originally followed the same construction may be derived from the reading *creas* (pr. m.), for the 2nd pers. sing. of a similar verb is found in all the other verss. In the sentence, as read by the principal translators, it looks as if the substance of the earth's reply were anticipated by the interrogator. The corrector of our MS. recognized this difficulty, and attempted to elicit an intelligible sense by reading: *dicens; et aurum creatur*... The answer would begin at *multiplicatur* according to Ewald: *so wird sie dir erwidern, aber des silbers ist mehr als gold*... In the Arm. also and Arab. a new speaker is here introduced.

59. There is a startling error in the MS. reading of this passage: *in te stant pondera*. An explanation that readily occurs is, that *stant* is a corruption from *statera* (in Eccles. xxi. 25 *ἐν ζυγῷ σταθίσονται* = *statera ponderabuntur*). It may be urged that the noun is here superfluous and not expressed in the other versions, but this difficulty will be removed

by supposing the original to have been, as Mr. Hort suggests, *ζυγοστάτησον*, which might be rendered either by one word or by two, and which is used in this metaphorical sense by Lucian, *De Hist. Conscrib.* c. 49: *καὶ ζυγοστατείτω τότε ὥσπερ ἐν τρυάνῃ τὰ γυγόμενα*; and by Eulog. ap. Phot. *Bibl.* p. 272. 35 (ed. Bekker): *τὰ δὲ ῥήματα τῇ διαβολῇ ζυγοστατεῖν*.

It may be worth while to mention another attempt to account for the presence of *stant*. In the Syr. the clause stands thus: **ܕܝܟ ܕܝܡ ܕܝܡ ܕܝܡ ܕܝܡ**. The same phraso is found in chap. iv. 31, where the Lat. is: *aestima autem* (= *δῆ, Hilgenf.*) *apud te*. Now the Tironian sign for *autem*, *ŷ*, which was probably not very familiar to our scribe (I have noted only two instances of it in this book), might have been here read as *ft*. Whichever be the solution, it is clear that the termination *-ant* originated from a copyist (possibly influenced by chap. xiv. 14) mistaking the imperat. *pondera* for a plur. noun.

The corresponding clause in Ewald's 'Wiederherstellung des Buches,' *es ziemt dir wohl so zu denken*, seems to have been derived solely from Laurence's transl. of the Æth. *Το ἴπσο ἰδ dignum sit, quod cogitasti* (retained in Hilgenf.). This version, however, if correctly rendered, would conform to the Syr., and to the orig. Lat. vers. See Dillm. *Lec.* s. voc. l. 6.

60. *Sic et a me repromissa creatura*] I have

creatura, iocundabor enim super paucis et qui saluabuntur, propterea quod ipsi sunt
 qui gloriam meam nunc dominationem fecerunt, et per quos nunc nomen meum
 61 nominatum est; Et non contristabor super multitudinem eorum qui perierunt, ipsi
 enim sunt qui uapori assimilati sunt et flammae, fumo adaequati sunt et exarserunt,
 62 feruerunt et extincti sunt. Et respondi et dixi: O tu terra, quid peperisti, si sensus
 63 factus est de puluere, sicut et cetera creatura! Melius enim erat ipsum puluerem
 64 non esse natum, ut non sensus inde fieret. Nunc autem nobiscum crescit sensus,
 65 et propter hoc torquemur, quoniam scientes perimus. Lugeat hominum genus, et

60. dominationem *dominationem*.

61. uapori apparently *uano* altered to *uapori*. fumo *adsimilatae* fumo.
 feruerunt *feruerunt* altered to *ferbuerunt*.

64. sensus *sensum* altered to *sensus*.

thus attempted to emend the *sic et amare promissa creatura* of our MS., but the sense is still unsatisfactory, and a comparison with the other versions shews that this is another instance of the confusion between *κρίσις* and *κρίσις* in the Greek of our book. Comp. Hilgenf. pp. XL, XLI. A still earlier form of the Lat., to judge from the Syr. and Æth., was *repromissio creaturae*, the original being probably οὕτως καὶ ἡ παρ' ἐμοῦ ἐπαγγελία τῆς κρίσεως (var. lect. κρίσεως).

qui gloriam meam nunc dominationem fecerunt] The Syr. and Arab.² = *qui nunc gloriam meam confirmant*. The Æth. = *quoniam illi assequuntur gloriam meam*. The Gk. οἱ...κυροῦντες would explain both these renderings, but the verb *κυρεῖν* seems too remote from the Gk. vocabulary of the Æth. translator. It might be urged in favour of the retention of the MS. reading *dominationem*, that the phrase in the original was possibly *κυρίαν ποιεῖν*, and that our translator took the former word for *κυρεῖαν*; but the construction of the clause requires us, I think, by the change of a single letter, to read *dominationem*, a word used as equivalent to *κυριώτερος* in the old Lat. translation of Irenaeus, e.g., II. 5. 4 (ed. Stieren), *alioquin necessitatem maiorem et dominationem facient quam Deum*. The corruption in the MS. is well illustrated by a passage in Tert. *adv. Marc.* I. xxviii. (ed. Oehler): *Credo, sulphurationem eis gehennam praeparabit*, where the analogous form *sulphurationem* has for a

variant the abstract *sulphurationem*. And so also *timorator*, which is Volkmar's acute emendation for the common reading *timor acrior* in 4 Ezra xii. 13, appears in our MS. as *timoratio*.

61. The Arab. has صَارُوا مُسْتَوْجِبِينَ لِلنَّارِ 'have proved worthy of,' 'are condemned to the fire;' Ockley, *are bound to hell*. Fabricius, unskilled in Engl. idiom (by an obvious association he translates *craftiness* by *vires* in verse 92, has rendered this *ligati ad infernum* (retained in Hilgenf.).

62. *O tu terra, quid peperisti*] The Syr. gives this in an expanded form: *O quid fecisti, terra, quia isti nati sunt e te et ambulant in perditionem*, comp. chap. x. 10. The Arm. sums up this and the two following verses in a similar expression: *O terra, quare genuisti hominem? nam cruciatibus aeternitatis traditus est*.

63. In this verse the Latin gives no countenance to Le Hir's interpretation of the Syr. (see *Monum. sacra et prof.* ed. Ceriani, vol. v. p. 110); the word ܡܕܝ however, to which he gives the inadmissible translation *iudicium*, is certainly out of place; omitting this, and a superfluous ܐ in ܡܕܝܐ, we might restore the original thus: *κρείσσον γὰρ* (— *γὰρ* Syr.) *ἢν εἰ οὐκ ἐγεννήθη* (+ *καὶ* Syr.) *αὐτὸς ὁ χεὺς ἵνα μὴ γένηται ὁ νοῦς ἐκεῖθεν*. But we cannot expect perfect conformity between the Lat. and the Syr., as the addition of an extra clause to verse 62 in the latter has disturbed the balance of the sentence.

agrestes bestiae laetentur, lugeant omnes qui nati sunt, quadripedia uero et pecora
66 iocundentur. Multum enim melius est illis quam nobis, non enim sperant iudicium,
67 nec enim sciunt cruciamenta nec salutem post mortem repromissam sibi. Nobis autem
68 quid prodest, quoniam saluati saluabimur, si tormento tormentabimur? Omnes enim
qui nati sunt, commixti sunt iniquitatibus, et pleni sunt peccatis, et grauati delictis;
69 Et si non essemus post mortem in iudicio uenientes, melius fortassis nobis uenisset.
70 Et respondit ad me et dixit: et quando Altissimus faciens faciebat saeculum, Adam
et omnes qui cum eo uenerunt, primum praeparauit iudicium et quae sunt iudicii.
71 Et nunc de sermonibus tuis intellege, quoniam dixisti, quia nobiscum crescit sensus;

65. omnes omnes altered to homines.
67. quoniam *qum* altered to *quod*. si *sed* altered to *si*.
69. in iudicio uenientes ⁱⁿiudicio uenientis.
71. intellege...crescit sensus; Qui intellege ^{vet}sensum...crescit, qui...

66. *Multum enim melius*] In like manner our MS. has *multum* (for *multo*) *plus uae his*, chap. xiii. 16. This use of 'multum' with a comparative, not unknown in classical authors, as Plaut. *Most.* iii. 2. 137, Cic. *Off.* iii. 13 (55) (in some MSS.), Stat. *Theb.* ix. 559, Sil. Ital. xiii. 708, Juv. x. 197, Quintil. *Instit.* x. 1. 94, is of rare occurrence in biblical MSS. According to Vercellone, some authorities have *multum* as a variant in Ruth iv. 15, *et multo tibi melior est*. The same construction in Gk. is more familiar from Homer downwards; comp. also 4 Macc. i. 8, ii. 6, 2 Cor. viii. 22, 1 Pet. i. 7 (text. rec.), and πολὺν (text. rec., πολλῶν) μάλλον Heb. xii. 9, 25. This should not be confounded with πολὺν μάλλον ἤ in Num. xiv. 12, Deut. ix. 14, which is an attempt to represent the Hebr. idiom for the comparative of the adj. See Is. liv. 1, LXX.

In Arab.² we must read with the MS.

(not اكرائيم) لَعَلَّهٗ اَكْتَرَّائِمِ

The other versions have no particle corresponding to the third *enim* in this verse.

68. *commixti sunt iniquitatibus*] Perhaps συμπεφυρμένοι εἰσιν ἀνομίαις; at least there is a strong probability that some form of φέρεσθαι stood in the original of this clause, for the **ܡܚܕܠܡܠܡ** of the Syr. (comp. the Syro-Hex. of Is. xiv. 19, Lam. iv. 14 Sym., Ezek. xvi. 6, 22, Job vii. 5, xxx. 14, xxxix. 30, Jer. iii. 2), and the **معجونين** (= πεφυραμένοι) of the Arab., both point in this direction. The Gk.

word in this context may be illustrated by *συμφυρόμενον ἐν ταῖς ἀμαρτίαις αὐτοῦ*, Eccles. xii. 14; *συμφυρμούς πονηρίας*, Herm. *Past.* Vis. 11. 2; *καὶ ταῖς πραγματείαις σου συνανεύρης ταῖς πονηραῖς*, id. Vis. 11. 3; and *συμφύρεσθαι τῷ τῆς πονηρίας αὐτῶν βορβόρῳ*, Eus. *Hist. Eccles.* vii. 7. 2. For the Syr. comp. ܡܠܟܐ ܕܕܥܠܡܐ ܕܕܥܠܡܐ ܕܕܥܠܡܐ, Apocal. Bar. 21.

grauati delictis] In the transl. from the Syr. vers. ܠܕܠܝܬ (pl. of ܠܕܠܝܬܐ, chap. iii. 1, see Amira, *Gram. Syr.* p. 92) should not be rendered *ruinae*, which is its proper meaning in Apocal. Bar. 35, but *delicta*, both here and in chap. vii. 23. The Syr. word is equivalent not only to πῶρος, Is. xvii. 1, li. 17 (Hex.), and to πῶμα, Job xv. 23, xvi. 14 (Hex.), but also to παρὰπτωμα, Job xxxv. 15 (Hex.), Sap. iii. 13, x. 1 (Pesh.).

69. *in iudicio uenientes*] Instead of *in iudicium uen.* See Rönseh, p. 406. The MS. has *uenientis* here, and *inspiracionis* (pr.m.) v. 80; other instances of this old spelling of the plur. are given above, p. 13.

uenisset, in the sense of *euenisset*; it is possible, however, that the first three letters are merely echoed from the previous clause, and that the true reading is *fuisset*, which satisfies the other versions.

70. *cum eo*] According to the Syr., Æth., and Arab.,
ex eo. Comp. *ex eo*, iii. 21, vi. 54, vii. 118 (48), A. and S.

71. *sensus* is omitted in the MS. after *crescit*, and the corrector in perplexity has inserted *rel sensum* after *intellege*.

72 Qui ergo commorantes sunt in terra, hinc cruciabuntur, quoniam sensum habentes
 iniquitatem fecerunt, et mandata accipientes non seruauerunt ea, et legem consequuti
 73 fraudauerunt eam quam acceperunt. Et quid habebunt dicere in iudicio, uel quo-
 74 modo respondebunt in nouissimis temporibus? Quantum enim tempus ex quo
 longanimitatem habuit Altissimus his qui inhabitant saeculum, et non propter eos,
 75 sed propter ea quae prouidit tempora! Et respondi et dixi: si inueni gratiam
 coram te, domine, demonstra, domine, seruo tuo, si post mortem uel nunc quando
 reddimus unusquisque animam suam, si conseruati conseruabimur in requie, donec
 76 ueniant tempora illa, in quibus incipies creaturam renouare, aut amodo cruciamur. Et
 respondit ad me et dixit: ostendam tibi et hoc; tu autem noli commisceri cum eis
 77 qui spreuerunt, neque connumeres te cum his qui cruciantur. Etenim est tibi thesaurus
 operum repositus apud Altissimum, sed non tibi demonstrabitur usque in nouissimis
 78 temporibus. Nam de morte sermo est: quando profectus fuerit terminus sententiae
 ab Altissimo ut homo moriatur, recedente inspiratione de corpore ut dimittatur iterum
 79 ad eum qui dedit adorare gloriam Altissimi primum. Et si quidem esset eorum qui
 spreuerunt et non seruauerunt uiam Altissimi, et eorum qui contempserunt legem

75. demonstra, domine, *demonstra dne.* reddimus *reddemus* altered to *reddimus*.
 in requie *inrequie* (final *e* over an *eras.*).
 78. est *ē* added above the line.
 79. spreuerunt *inspirauerunt*.

72. *et legem consequuti fraudauerunt eam*] This reading is probably correct; comp. *nec enim uidetur uoluisse fraudare edictum*, Digest. 29, II. 42; *fraudandae legis gratia*, id. 35, I. 64; though the Syr. *ܡܠܚܡܐ* pointing to *ἡθέτησαν* rather suggests *frustraerunt*. Comp. Ps. cxxxi. 11, LXX., Vulg., and Syro-Hex., and the use of *frustrari* in a similar context, Iren. iv. 9. 3, 12. 1 (ed. Stieren), Tert. *Apol.* v.

In the Arab. we must translate thus: 'have set up for themselves an opposite law,' and not with Oekley (and Hilgenf.), *have set up their pleasures as an opposite law*; for the word in question should be read *لذَاتِهِمْ* and not *لذَاتِهِمْ*.

75. ...domine, demonstra, domine, seruo tuo] The *domine* which is placed in direct antithesis to *seruo tuo* is struck out as superfluous in the MS.;

yet it probably represents a Gk. word, for where the former *domine* stands, the orig. according to the Syr. would be *δέσποτα κύριε*, but there are signs of variations in the Gk. text, for these words have no equivalent in the Æth. and Arab., while the Lat. translator seems to have divided them between the two clauses. The formula is correctly rendered *dominator domine* in a similar context, chap. vi. 11, xii. 7, 8.

78. The Syr. supplies *hic* before sermo. *terminus*] Comp. *terminum Dei*, x. 16, and Tert. *de pud.* XIII.

recedente inspir... dedit] Comp. Eccles. xii. 7. *adorare*] According to the Syr., Æth., and Arab. *adorat*, which no doubt represents the original. The Lat. transl. may have read *προσκυνεῖν* for *προσκυνεῖ*.

79. *spreuerunt*] The MS. has *inspirauerunt*, which is unintelligible, and can only be a mechanical repetition from verse 78. Both the Syr. and Æth.

80 eius, et eorum qui oderunt eos qui timent eum, Haec inspirationes in habitationes non
 81 ingredientur, sed uagantes erunt amodo in cruciamentis, dolentes semper et tristes.
 82 Uia prima, quia spreuerunt legem Altissimi. Secunda uia, quoniam non possunt re-
 83 uersionem bonam facere ut uiuant. Tertia uia, uident repositam mercedem his qui
 84 testamentis Altissimi crediderunt. Quarta uia, considerabunt sibi in nouissimis repo-
 85 situm cruciamentum. Quinta uia, uidentes aliorum habitaculum ab angelis conseruari
 86 cum silentio magno. Sexta uia, uidentes quemadmodum de eis pertransient in cru-

80. haec haec altered to haec. inspirationes inspirationis altered to -nes.

84. considerabunt considerabant altered to considerabunt.

86. pertransient in pertransientem altered to pertransiens.

refer us to ἀθετεῖν, of which a common equivalent is *sperno*. I have therefore substituted *spreuerunt*.

80. *Haec inspirationes*] *Haec* is the original reading of the MS. both here and in chap. xiii. 40, as also of Cod. S. in chap. xii. 35, xiii. 25, 40. This form of the nom. pl. fem. occurs in Lev. xxvi. 45, Num. iii. 20, 21, 27, 33, iv. 31, xxvi. 7, 22, 25, 27, (hae*) xxx. 17, xxxi. 16, xxxvi. 12, Cod. Ashburnh.; in Num. iii. 1, Cod. A. (= Amiat.) and S. (Vercellane, *Variae Lect. Vulg. Lat. Bibl. ed.*); in Jos. xix. 51, Cod. Amiat.; in Esth. x. 11, Cod. Pech. (Sabat.); in Job xviii. 21, Cod. Maj. Mon. (id.); and so *haec* should be explained in Ezek. xlvii. 12, *quoniam aquae eorum de sanctis haec procedunt*, Fragn. Weingart. (A. Vogel, *Beiträge zur Herstellung der alt. lat. Bibel-Uebers.* Wien, 1865). Comp. also Apul. *Metam.* iv. 2, Hildebrand's note, Lucr. vi. 456, Munro's note, and Ribbeck's Prolegom. crit. ad P. Verg. Mar. opp. maj., Index Gram.

The *recedente inspiratione* of ver. 78 smoothes the way to the use of *inspirationes* in the sense of disembodied souls. For the controversies which originated from identifying *inspiratio* with *anima*, comp. Diod. on Gen. ii. 7: ὑπέλαβον ἔνιοι κακῶς, τὸ ἐμφύσημα τοῦ θεοῦ γεγενῆσθαι ψυχὴν τὴν ἀθάνατον, κ.τ.λ. (Catena in octat. et libr. Reg. Lips. 1772), and Philastrius *de haeres.* chap. 98: *Alia est haeresis, quae dicit inspirationem animam esse, non inspirationem* (v.l. -ne) *in animam datam fuisse* .. Further references may be found in the note of Fabricius on the passage last quoted.

sed uagantes erunt] Since the Arab. as rendered by Ockley, *bound up with* (Hilgenf. *ligabitur cum*),

has been used by Volkmar to construct a highly improbable theory with regard to the verb in the original, it may be noticed that this version has simply عَسُوتُ 'numbered (or, reckoned) with.' —Read with the MS. لَ الْعَابِدِينَ for الْعَابِدِينَ in Arab.²

tristes] We miss *per septem uias* after this word. Comp. verse 91. It is represented in all the other versions.

83. *testamentis Altissimi*] The words ܬܥܬܡܢܬܐ ܕܬܥܬܡܢܐ (comp. chap. iii. 32, v. 29) are absent from the Syr. Corresponding words are found in the Æth. and Arab.

84. The Syr. alone makes an addition at the end of this verse, which is thus rendered by Ceriani: *in quo corripientur animae impiorum; quia cum haberent tempus operationis, non subiecissent se praeceptis Altissimi.*

84, 85. Hippolytus (ἐκ τοῦ πρὸς Ἑλλήνας λόγου τοῦ ἐπιγεγραμμένου κατὰ Πλάτωνος περὶ τῆς τοῦ παντὸς αἰτίας) has worked out these ideas in detail: οἱ ἔγγιον ὄντες τοῦ μὲν βρασμοῦ ἀδιαλείπτως ἐπακούουσι καὶ τοῦ τῆς θερμῆς ἀτμοῦ οὐκ ἀμοιροῦσιν, αὐτῆς δὲ τῆς ἐγγίανος ὕψεως τὴν φοβερὰν καὶ ὑπερβαλλόντως ξανθὴν θέαν τοῦ πρὸς ὁρώντες καταπεπύγασι, τῇ προσδοκίᾳ τῆς μελλούσης κρίσεως ἥδη δυνάμει κολαζόμενοι, ἀλλὰ καὶ οὔτοι τὸν τῶν πατέρων χορὸν (var. lect. χάρον) καὶ τοὺς δικαίους ὁρώσι, καὶ ἐπ' αὐτῷ τούτῳ κολαζόμενοι. (Ed. de Lagarde, p. 69.)

86. *quemadmodum de eis pertransient in cruciamentum*] There is great diversity in the transla-

87 ciamentum. Septima uia est omnium quae supradictae sunt uiarum maior, quoniam detabescunt in confusione et consumentur in honoribus† et marcescunt in timoribus, uidentes gloriam Altissimi coram quem uiuentes peccauerunt et coram

87. uia *cruciantum* uia. in confusione in *confusionem*. consumentur *consumuntur* altered to *consumentur*. honoribus *honoribus* altered to *horroribus*. coram quem *coram quem* altered to *coram quo*. uiuentes *uidentes*.

tions of this passage; in the Syr. (*quia uident, quod amodo eis praeparatum est, cruciamentum*) it is little more than a repetition of verse 84, but just as the via V^{ta} adds to the via III^{ta} the part borne by the angels, so we might expect in the via VI^{ta} a corresponding addition to the via IV^{ta}, and this idea is expressed by the use of the causative form of the verb in the Æth. *quod cogunt* [sc. *Angeli*] *eos circumire et uidere, quod amodo eis continget, cruciamentum*. Now the main difference between the Lat. and the Æth. may be accounted for by supposing them to have been derived from the Gk. ἀπ' αὐτῶν διακομισθήσονται εἰς τὸν βασανισμόν, the verb having been taken as mid. (comp. διακομισθεῖς, διελθών, Hesych. and Suid.), in the one case, but more correctly as pass., in the other; the same compound is used by Plato in a similar context: τίσεις δὲ αὐτῶν τὴν προσήκουσαν τιμωρίαν εἴτ' ἐνθάδε μένων εἴτε καὶ ἐν Ἀδου διαπορευθεῖς εἴτε καὶ τούτων εἰς ἀγριώτερον ἔτι διακομισθεῖς τόπον. *De Legibus*, lib. x. p. 905.

The twofold office thus assigned to the Angels in ver. 85, 86 is set forth at length by Hippolytus in the work quoted above (ed. de Lagarde pp. 68, 69): Τοῦτο τὸ χωρίον (sc. ἡδης) ὡς φρούριον ἀπενεμήθη ψυχαῖς, ἐφ' ᾧ κατεστάθησαν ἄγγελοι φρουροί, πρὸς τὰς ἐκάστων πράξεις διανέμοντες τὰς τῶν τύπων προσκαίρους κολάσεις....μία γὰρ εἰς τοῦτο τὸ χωρίον κάθοδος, οὗ τῇ πύλῃ ἐφειστώτα ἀρχάγγελον ἅμα στρατιᾷ πεπιστεύκαμεν, ἣν πύλῃν διελθόντες οἱ καταγόμενοι ὑπὸ τῶν ἐπὶ τὰς ψυχὰς τεταγμένων ἀγγέλων οὐ μὴ ὁδῶ πορεύονται, ἀλλ' οἱ μὲν δίκαιοι εἰς δεξιὰ φωταγωγοῦμενοι καὶ ὑπὸ τῶν ἐφειστώτων κατὰ τὸν ἀγγέλων ὑμνούμενοι, αἰνοῦνται εἰς χωρίον φωτεινόν, οἱ δὲ ἄδικοι εἰς ἀριστερὰ ἔλκονται ὑπὸ ἀγγέλων κολαστῶν, οὐκ ἐτι ἐκουσίως πορεύόμενοι, ἀλλὰ μετὰ βίας ὡς δέσμοι ἐλκόμενοι, οἷς οἱ ἐφειστώτες ἄγγελοι ἐπιγελῶντες διαπέμπονται, ἐπονεδίδοντες καὶ φοβερῶ ὄμματι ἐπαπειλοῦντες εἰς τὰ κατώτερα ὠθοῦντες, οὓς ἀγομένους ἔλκουσιν οἱ ἐφειστώτες

B.

ἔως πλησίον τῆς γέννης (quoted in part by Hilgenf.). —I have introduced into this verse but one simple emendation, *pertransient* in for *pertransientem*, but it is not unreasonable to suppose that instead of *quemadmodum* there stood originally *quoniam* (= *quoniam*) *amodo*, inasmuch as an equivalent to *amodo* (ἀπ' ἄρτι) is found, though in a slightly different position, both in the Æth. and Syr. versions.

pertransient] Numerous examples of this form of the fut. in compounds of *eo* are collected by Rönisch, pp. 292, 293; we meet with both *transibunt* and *transient* in the same verse, Luke xxi. 33, Codd. Amiat. Forojul. (Blanchini, *Evang. quadr.*), Rehd. (ed. Haase), Lindisfarne and Rushworth Gospels, and also Cod. cclxxxvi. Corp. X^{ta} Coll. Cambr., according to the correction, but the latter verb was in this case orig. *transibunt*; in Cod. Vindob. (Paulus, *Memorabilien* 7^{tes} Stück) the two forms occur in inverted order. The following instances have been noticed in 4 Ezra (including the extraneous chapters), *transient* *oes* Cod. S., xvi. 33; *transiet*, xvi. 78 (e corr.) Cod. A.; *exiet*, xvi. 9; *exient*, xv. 29, 30; *interiet*, ii. 26 Cod. S.; *interient*, xv. 57, xvi. 23 Cod. S.; *interient* (*disperient* Cod. A.), xvi. 18; *perient*, vii. 20 Cod. A., ix. 15 Cod. A. (e corr.), xii. 20.

The Bodl. MS. of Arab.² has here الجارى, also ثواب in v. 83, both agreeing with Steiner's conj.

For the former the Vat. MS. has الجارى.

87. *detabescunt*] This rare compound occurs in Lev. xxvi. 39, Cod. Ashburnh. One authority for the perfect is introduced in the last ed. of Forcellini, *detabuerunt*, Ruf. vert. Orig. Hom. 2 in Ps. xxxviii. The editor (De-Vit) however, according to his practice in citing the other compounds of this root, refers it to a non-existent pres. *detabeo*. For verbs compounded with *de-* in vulgar Latin, see Rönisch, pp. 188,

88 quem incipient in novissimis temporibus iudicari. Nam eorum qui uias seruau-

87. coram quem coram quo -uo written over an eras.

205, and Wölfflin, *Bemerkungen über das Vulgärlatein*, Philologus Bd. 34, pp. 161, 162. With the orig. reading *detab. in confusionem comp. et consumerentur in confusionem*, Jer. xx. 18, Cod. Amiat. The corresponding verb in the Arab. *يُنْسَبِلُوا* has been rendered *shall be overwhelmed*, Ockley (*superfundentur*, Fabr.), *superabuntur* in Hilgenf. But the word is evidently connected in meaning with the *detabescere* of the Lat. version. Comp. the cogn. root *نَسَبَلَ*, and *نَسَبَلُ* Ps. lviii. 9. Castell (*Lex. Hep-*

tagl.) gives 'سَبَلٌ' iv. manauit . . . vii effusus, protensus fuit. BB.' (the reference is to Bar Bahlul sub voc. *مَذْحَلٌ* خَرَقَةً كَبِيرَةً تَجْعَلُ عَلَى [الرَّاسِ] وَتَنْسَبِلُ عَلَى الْكَتْفَيْنِ Cod. Cantabr.).

Arab.² has here *يَذَانُونَ فِي الْبَيْتَانِ* *lanceil sie in der Schande gerichtet werden*. Steiner. For the second word I would read *يَذَابُونَ* 'shall be made to pine away.' This slight alteration brings the above compendium into harmony with all the other versions.

^(rr) *in honoribus*†] It is not easy to explain satisfactorily the origin of the MS. reading *honoribus* (pr. m.), *horroribus* (e corr.). The plur. of *horror* is not in the Vulg., but we find in the Old Lat. *horrorum* (Gk. φόβου), Job xxxiii. 16, Cod. Maj. Mon. (Sabat.). By the correction this clause is drawn into parallelism with the following, but both the Syr. and Æth. versions lead us to expect *in pudore*, synonymous with the preceding *in confusione*. Ambrose also in his reference to this passage has *et pudorem et confusionem*. So that the Gk. had most likely the words *αἰσχύνῃ...ἐντροπή*, which are found together in the LXX, Ps. xxxiv. 26, xliii. 16, lxxviii. 20, cviii. 29, also Isai. lxi. 7, Theod.; the corresponding verbs occur more frequently in parallelism. The Armenian is thus rendered by Petermann: *qua macerantur et consumuntur pudore et ignominia et circumdatae sunt intellectu et timore*. It may be mentioned here that the order is different in the

Arm. version, the above vii *uiae* being placed after the vii *uiae animarum iustorum*.

coram quem...et coram quem] Our MS. has in the first case, *quem* pr. man., and in the second, *quo* with the last two letters written over an erasure. I conclude, therefore, that *quem* was the original reading in both places. In like manner, *coram nos* is written, but *nos* is altered to *nobis* iv. 14, Codd. A. and S. Comp. also vi. 36, ix. 28, Cod. S. Rönisch (p. 409) quotes only one example of 'coram' with the accus., viz. 1 Thess. iii. 9, Cod. Clarom. To this may be added, Lev. xxvi. 7, Num. viii. 22, xix. 3, xx. 27, xxv. 6, Cod. Ashburnh.; Acts iv. 10, viii. 32, xix. 9, Cod. Laud. (ed. Tisch.); Deut. iv. 8, 1 Reg. xii. 2, Old Lat. Speculum (Mai, *Nor. Patr. Bibl.* i. 2, pp. 60, 114); Jer. xv. 9, Par. Palimps. Wirceburg. (ed. Ranke); Acts vi. 8, Cod. Par. Lat. 6400 G. (Old Lat. palimp. fragments at Paris, A. A. Vansittart, *Journ. of Philol.* ii. p. 244); 1 Kings xi. 19, Cod. Reg. Suec. 1462 (Blanchini, *Find. Can. cccxli*); Juvenius, Sel. Fragn. xxvi. (Pitra, *Spicil. Solesm.* vol. i. p. 248.)

For *uiuentes* the MS. has *uidentes* here, and again in verse 94: on the other hand, in *uidentes*, chap. i. 37, and *uidisti*, chap. ii. 48, the 'd' is the result of a correction, having been originally written as 'u'.

88. *Nam eorum qui... (S9) commoratae*] So also in the Syr. MS. the masc. pl. *ܐܝܬܐܢ* is followed by the fem. pl. *ܐܝܬܐܢܐ*. Possibly the first clause in the original was so constructed that the gender of the subject would not be immediately apparent, as, for instance, *τῶν γὰρ τὰς τοῦ ὑψίστου ὁδοὺς φυλαξαμένων*. But from the nature of the case, we find in the Lat. as in the other versions great fluctuation of gender pervading the succeeding verses, and I have not attempted to introduce uniformity.

uas also occurs vi. 56 Cod. S. For examples of *uasus* and *uasum*, see Rönisch, p. 260 (the ref. to Lucr. vi. 233 should have been given on the authority of Mare. Capella, as *uasus*, not *uasī*, appears to be the reading of the MSS). Add *uasī*, Lev. xiii. 59 Cod.

89 runt Altissimi ordo est hic, quando incipient seruari a uaso corruptibili. In eo
 tempore commoratae serui erunt cum labore Altissimo, et omni hora sustinuerunt
 90 periculum, uti perfecte custodirent legislatoris legem. Propter quod hic de his
 91 sermo: Inprimis uident cum exultatione multa gloriam eius qui suscipit eas,
 92 requiescent enim per septem ordines. Ordo primus, quoniam cum labore multo
 certati sunt, ut uincerent cum eis plasmatum cogitamentum malum, ut non eas
 93 seducat a uita in mortem. Secundus ordo, quoniam uident complicationem, in qua

88. incipient *incipiet* altered to *incipient*. uaso *uaso* altered to *uase*.

89. sustinuerunt *sustenuerunt* altered to *sustinuerunt*. uti *uti* altered to *ut*.

91. multa *multā*.

92, 93. in mortem. Secundus . . . *Item secundus* . . .

93. complicationem *complecationem* altered to *complicationem*. qua *quo*.

Ashburnh., Ecdus. xxxviii. 30 Cod. Amiat.; *uaso*, Lev. vi. 28, xi. 34, xiii. 49, 52, 53, 57, Num. xix. 17, xxxv. 18 Cod. Ashburnh., Lev. xi. 34 Palimps. Wirecb. (ed. Ranke), 1 Pet. iii. 5 Old Lat. Spec. (Mai, *Nov. Patr. Bibl.* i. 2, p. 80). 1 Pet. iii. 7 Old Lat. Spec., Codd. Amiat. Tolet. Fuld., but *uasū* ib. Cod. Harl. 1772 (Griesbach, *Symb. Crit.* i. p. 369); *in uasum fictile*, Num. v. 17 Cod. Ashburnh.

89. *In eo tempore commoratae*] According to the Syr.: *In illo enim tempore quo commoratae sunt in eo*. Similarly the Æth.

cum labore] So the Syr. and Æth. In the Arab. this gives place to the usual phrase *in timore* (om. *eius* in Hilgenf.).

91. I have altered *multā* to *multa* on the authority of the Syr. and Æth. versions.

ordines] The versions are equally divided with regard to this word. From the Lat., Æth., and Arab., we might infer that *τάξεις* was used for the series that follows, while the Syr., Arab.² and Arm. require the same word as that used in the former series, viz. *ὁδοί*. Comp. especially the three leading versions in verse 99, where the two series are mentioned together; the Syr. is consistent in obliterating the distinction between the words, the Æth., as well as the Lat., in maintaining it.

92. *certati sunt*] For the deponent verbs, 'certor,' 'concertor,' 'supercertor,' see Rönisch, pp. 302, 303. A few more instances may be added: *certantur*, Gen. xlix. 6, Ital. Fragm. ex Cod. 2 (Verc. *Var. Lect.* i. p. 183); *certari*, Judg. iii. 2, Cod. Amiat.; *certabatur*, 2 Sam. xix. 9, Cod. B. [= Tolet.] and also

Codd. D. F. U. (Verc. *Var. Lect.*); *concertatur*, Cypr. App. de Spect. 3 (ed. Hartel).

In the Arab. بطغیان is rightly rendered by Oekley, *through the deceitfulness of*, and Steiner's correction *impietate* is uncalled for; see the verb in verse 48 (Ew. 45); comp. also Job xix. 4, Transl. Ant. Arab. (ed. Com. de Baudissin), and especially Cast. *Lex.* s. v. For *ut eos deflecteret*, in the translation of the Arab., read *ut declinarent*.

In justification of my departure from the MS. reading, *a uita*. *Item secundus*, I may remark that a comparison of the other verses in this and the former series shews that *Item* is an intruder before the ordinal, while the consent of the Syr., Æth. and Arab. versions goes far to prove that it is corrupted from *in mortem*, which is to be appended to the preceding sentence.

93. *quoniam uident*] Instead of *يرون*, the MS. of Arab.² has *ليرون*; comp. the beginning of the neighbouring verses.

et quae in eis manet punitio] We can scarcely doubt, if we regard the context together with the Syr. and Æth. versions, that the Gr. text would be more correctly represented by *et quae eis* (or *eas*) *manet punitio*; this, I believe, was the original form of the Latin, the preposition having crept in by the force of association. A like faulty reading meets us in the Old Lat. vers. of Job xx. 26, *Et omnes tenebrae in eo manebant*, Cod. Maj. Mon. (Sabat.), from the Gk. πάν δὲ σκοτός αὐτῷ ὑπομένειναι. Comp. also Ps. xxxii. 20, *Anima nostra patiens est*

95 uerunt quae per fidem data est lex. Quartus ordo, intellegentes requiem quam
nunc in promptuariis congregati requiescent cum silentio multo ab angelis conser-
96 uati, †atque in nouissimis eorum manentem gloriam.† Quintus ordo, exultantes
quomodo corruptibile effugerint nunc, et futurum quomodo hereditatem posside-

95. quam quem altered to qua. atque et quae altered to atque.

96. corruptibile corripibili altered to corruptibile. futurum futurum altered to futurum. possidebunt posseder̃.

sie [die Gesetze Gottes] in grossem Glauben empfangen haben ('Der Hirt des Hermas untersucht,' p. 176). He also refers in connexion with the subject to another passage from the same work: οὗτος γάρ ἐστιν ὁ διδούς αὐτοῖς τὸν νόμον εἰς τὰς καρδίας τῶν πιστευόντων, Simil. viii. 3. (From this point of view reference might also be made to the following quotation from Papias: οὐδὲ (ἔχαιραν) τοῖς τὰς ἀλλοτρίας ἐντολὰς μνημονεύουσιν, ἀλλὰ τοῖς τὰς παρὰ τοῦ Κυρίου τῇ πίστει δεδομένους καὶ ἀπ' αὐτῆς παρογνομένας (v. l. -vois) τῆς ἀληθείας. Eus. Hist. Eccl. iii. 39.)

On the other hand the structure of the preceding clause, and the presence of the strong epithet before πίστει, might be urged in favour of connecting these words with τηρήσωσι, and accordingly we find the passage thus rendered by the latest English translator: *if they shall keep with firm faith the laws of God which they have received* (The Shepherd of Hermas, transl. by C. H. Hoole, 1870).

lex] Attracted, like *punitio* in the preceding verse, to the case of the relative. See Winer's Gr. xxiv. 2 (ed. Moulton). Examples of this construction (occasionally altered by later scribes) are found in iv. 23 (*populum* Codd. A., S., *populus* C. 3, 7, 8, 10, 11, II.), vi. 54, vii. 32 (*animae* Codd. A., S., *animas* C. 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, II.), xiii. 49 (where Cod. A. has *gentes* pr. m., *gentium* e corr.). Comp. also the next note.

95. †atque in nouissimis eorum manentem gloriam.†] Want of familiarity with the particular usage of 'manet' mentioned above (see note on v. 93) seems here also to have introduced corruption into the text of the Lat. It will be seen that *atque* was in the first instance written as *et quae*; if we take this as the clue to the original construction, we may restore the passage thus: *et quae in nouissimis eas*

(or *eis*) *manet gloria*. This emendation will bring the clause into harmony with the Syr. and Æth., and will better explain the epithet which Ambrose uses in his paraphrase of this verse: *et futuram sui gloriam praevidere*. Comp. especially his language in Extr. C.: *Alia manet poena, alia gloria*.

96. I have recurred to the original reading *futurum* (=τὸ μέλλον), which is supported by the Syr. and Æth. The correction to *futuram* was made at a later time, to help the reader through a construction which had become obsolete. Among the early attempts to get a Latin equivalent for the Greek compound κληρονομεῖν, one was, to resolve it into the two words *haereditatem possidere*, followed by an accusative; e. g. *et semen eius haereditatem possidebit terram*, Ps. xxiv. 13 Rom. Martianaci, Corb. et Coislin. (Sabat.), *ipsi haereditatem possidebunt terram*, Ps. xxxvi. 9 MSS. Sangerm. Coislin. et Corb. (id.), *haereditatem possideamus nobis sanctuarium Dei*, Ps. lxxxii. 13 MS. Sangerm., Psalt. Corb. et Mozar. (id.). Again in the Old Lat. Speculum: *ut benedictionem hereditatem possideatis* 1 Pet. iii. 9 (Mai, Nov. Patr. Bibl. i. 2, p. 16), but when quoted again it stands thus: *ut ben. hereditate poss.* (id. p. 24). Comp. also Jer. xlix. 1 and Ezek. xxxiii. 25 in the Cod. Amiat. In all these instances we find a second and an easier reading, *haereditate poss.*, which, confirmed as it was by the weight of Augustine's authority, succeeded ultimately in supplanting the other. In a short discussion on the best way of rendering κληρονομεῖν, that father says: *Melius ergo duobus uerbis insinuat integer sensus; siue dicatur, Haereditate possedi; siue dicatur, Haereditate acquisiui: non haereditatem, sed haereditate*, Enarr. in Ps. cxviii. 111. There is one other passage in the 4th book of Ezra, where this archaism

bunt, adhuc autem uidentes angustum et [labore] plenum, quoniam liberati sunt,
 97 et spatiosum, [quod incipient] recipere fruniscentes et immortales. Sextus ordo,
 quando eis ostendetur, quomodo incipiet uultus eorum fulgere sicut sol, et quomodo
 98 incipient stellarum adsimilari lumini, amodo non corrupti. Septimus ordo, qui est
 omnibus supradictis maior, quoniam exultabunt cum fiducia et quoniam confide-

96. angustum *angustam* altered to *angustum*. et [labore] plenum *et plenum*. et spatiosum [quod incipient] recipere *et spatiosum recipere*. fruniscentes *frui nescientes*.

97. ostendetur *ostenditur*. amodo *quomodo*.

98. fiducia *fiducia* altered to *-tia*. confidebunt *confidebunt* altered to *confident*.

expression originally stood, though now disguised by successive corrections, viz. chap. vi. 59, *quare non haereditatem possidemus cum saeculo?* (ed. Fritzsche). Here the *poss. nostram saeculo* of Cod. S. leads us halfway back to the true reading, *poss. nostrum saeculum*, which is required by the versions, and preserved in Cod. A. alone. In the latter part of this verse it will be found that the Lat. has been much corrupted. I have attempted to emend it by the aid of the Syr., the Æth., and the extract (D) from Ambrose, where he again takes up the fifth order, and professes to give a verbal quotation. The sense would be still clearer if, as the Syr. suggests, a *quo* were substituted for *quoniam*.

[*fruniscentes*] This rare word has been corrupted in the MS. to *frui nescientes*, and replaced by the simple form *fruentes* in Ambrose. Besides the examples given in Lexicons, the verb occurs in Tob. iii. 9, MS. Regin. Snee. (Rönsch, p. 236), and Commodianus, Instr. xxxvii., Carm. Apol. 298 (Pitra, *Spic. Solesm.* i. pp. 29, 540).

97. Comp. Dan. xii. 3. Matth. xiii. 43.

[*amodo*] The *quomodo* of our MS. seems to have been suggested by the preceding clauses. The Syr. and Æth. are in favour of the change to *amodo*. Comp. Ambrose also, who has *qui tamen fulgor earum corruptelam iam sentire non possit*.

98. *cum fiducia*] The MS. of the Arab. has here *بِعِظَمِ ذَالِه*. The latter word has occasioned some difficulties. Ockley says: *There is no such Arabick word that I know of, as occurs here in the MS.* He accordingly left a lacuna in the translation which was filled up by Fabricius thus: (*in mag-*

nitudine) BEATITATIS. Ewald remarks: *ذَالِه* *verschrieben für ذَالِه d. i. ذَالِه: ich bemerke dies nur Ockley's wegen.* Steiner follows with a new conjecture: Für *ذَالِه* ist nicht (wie Ewald will) *ذَالِه*, sondern *ذَاتِه* zu lesen: dass sie sich freuen werden über die Grösse seines (Gottes) Wesens... There can be no doubt, however, that so far as the correction to *ذَالِه* is concerned, Ewald is correct, though by translating it *mit höchster Lust*, in his 'Wiederherstellung,' which is here based on the Arab., he fails to bring out the special meaning of the word. After all, the form *ذَالِه* is given in Castell's Lex., referred to the root *ذال* fut. o. It occurs in Bar Bahlul as the explanation of the corresponding Syr. word in this passage, *ܕܐܠܗܐ*, and it stands in the Arab. of the Polygl., where the Gk. has *παρρησία*, throughout the Epistles of St. Paul and St. John, except in Eph. vi. 19, Phil. i. 20, and Col. ii. 15, where *مَجَاهَرَةٌ* is used, which is the constant equivalent in the Acts of the Apostles, as *عَلَانِيَةٌ* is in the Gospels.

[*confidebunt*] So *ostendebitur* vi. 28 Codd. A. and S. and *surgebit* xvi. 10 Cod. S.; for verbs of the 3rd conj. with fut. in *-ebo* see Rönsch, pp. 291, 521, and J. N. Ott, *Neue Jahrbücher für Philol. u. Pädag.* 1874, p. 838. Add, from the Cod. Ashburnh., *canebunt* Num. x. 5; from the Old Lat. Speculum, *cadebunt* Is. xxxiv. 4 (Mai, *Nor. Patr. Bibl.* i. 2, p. 36), Prov. xvi. 2 (id. p. 48), Matth. xxiv. 29 (id. p. 37); *metuebit* Ecclus. xviii. 27 (id. p. 49); from the Cod. Bobbiens., *resurgebit* Mark x. 34 (*Wiener*

bunt non confusi, et gaudebunt non reuerentes, festinant enim uidere uultum
 99 [eius], cui seruiunt uiuentes et a quo incipiunt gloriosi mercedem recipere. Hic
 ordo animarum iustorum, ut amodo adnuntiatur, praedictae uiae cruciatus, quas
 100 patientur amodo qui neglexerint. Et respondi et dixi: ergo dabitur tempus
 annabus postquam separatae fuerint de corporibus, ut uideant de quo mihi
 101 dixisti? Et dixit: septem diebus erit libertas earum, ut uideant qui praedicti
 102 sunt sermones, et postea congregabuntur in habitaculis suis. Et respondi et dixi:

98. reuerentes *reuerentes*. uultum [eius] uultum.

99. adnuntiatur, praedictae...^{ad}adnuntientur praedictae... quas *quas* altered to *quos*. patientur *patiuntur*.

100. separatae *separati* altered to *separatae*.

101. qui praedicti *quae praedictae* altered to *qui praedicti*.

Jahrbücher der Lit. Vol. 121), *exsurgebit* Mark xiii. 12 (id.); from the Cod. Amiat., *canebit* Hos. ii. 15. The frequent use of this form is a marked feature in the verses translated from the Gk. which are interspersed throughout the Vulg. of Isaiah publ. by Jos. Cozza (*Sacr. Bibl. Vetustiss. Fragm. ex Palimps. Codd. Bibl. Cryptoferratensis*, Romae, 1867); e.g. *apponebitis* xvi. 8, *ascendebit* xxxiv. 10, *bibebunt* xix. 5, *cadebit* xxii. 25, *claudet* xxix. 10, *confidebunt* xvii. 8, *currebunt* xl. 31, *deponet* xxxiii. 23, *descendebis* xiv. 15, *dicetis* xix. 11, *ponet* xxii. 18, *supponebit* xix. 16.

non reuerentes] The parallelism requires us to read thus, by the omission of a single letter; similarly in Ecclus. xli. 19, Cod. S. Theod. has *reuermini* for *reueramini*. Compare the phrase *confundantur et reuerantur*, Ps. xxxiv. 4 (and verse 26 in Jerome, from the Hebr.), xxxix. 15, lxix. 3, in which places *αἰσχυνθείσαν* (*κατασχ*—Ps. xxxix. 15), *καὶ ἐντραπέεισαν* stands in the LXX., similarly Ps. lxx. 24. This emendation is also supported by the paraphrase of Ambrose, *et sine trepidatione laetentur*. Referring to the other versions we find that the above clause is either absent or obscured.

uultum [eius] The pronoun has been inserted from the paraphrase of Ambrose supported by the Syr., the Æth., and Arab., as the following clauses would be harsh without it.

gloriosi] A rendering of *δεδοξασμένους* by its adjectival *ἐνδοξος* (e.g. 1 Pet. i. 8), instead of its strict participial sense (comp. 7272). The use of *gloriosi*

here may be illustrated by cases where it interchanges with a passive form, as *quam gloriosus fuit*, 2 Sam. vi. 20, whilst the same passage as quoted by Ambrose in Ps. cxviii. stands thus: *quid utique honorificatus est* (Τὶ δεδόξαται, LXX.), so also *gloriosior apparebo*, 2 Sam. vi. 22, *glorificabor*, in Ambr. (ib.). Again, *nomen meum gloriosum est*, Hieron. in Mal. i. 11, *glorificatum est* in the quotation of the same verse by Hieron. in Is. lix, Tert. *ad. Marc.* iii. 22, iv. 1, Aug. *Epist.* 93, 185 (see Sabat.). Comp. also 1 Macc. ii. 64.

99. The text of our MS. is here corrupt. I have made a few slight changes, but something more is necessary in order to disentangle the two clauses. If we refer to the other versions, both the Æth. and the Arab. suggest the insertion of *et haec* before *praedictae*, a correction which might be proposed with confidence if it were favoured by the Syr. also, but this version would lead us to reconstruct the Lat. thus: *et praedictas uias cruciatus patientur amodo...* If we look merely at the Lat. text, the addition of *sunt* might be accepted as a solution of the difficulty, e.g., *praedictae sunt uiae cruc. quas*, etc. For *neglexerint* see note on *diligentia*, verse 37. At the end of this verse the Syr. repeats, with a few verbal variations, our eightieth verse (= end of verse 39 Syr.). In the Arm. vv. 79—87 are transferred to this place (after *iustorum*).

100. *tempus*] The Syr. alone has an unnecessary addition, *locus aut tempus*.

105 eo intellegat, aut dormiat, aut manducet, aut curetur; Sic nunquam nemo pro ali-
quo rogabit, omnes enim portabunt unusquisque tunc iniustitias suas aut iustitias.
106 (36) Et respondi et dixi: et quomodo inuenimus modo, quoniam rogauit primus
Abraham propter Sodomitas, et Moyses...

104. *curetur curd*⁶.

105. Sic *Et dix* added later before *sic*. *rogabit rogauit* altered to *rogabit*.

rus, hom. CIII. (Mai, *Scriptorum vet. nota coll.* ix. 731) Τὸν ταῖς κεφαλαῖς πολὺν, τὸν πρῶτον νοήσαντα τὸ ποικίλον τῆς πονηρίας καὶ πατέρα πάσης σχολιότητος [leg. σκολ-], where Jacob of Edessa must have read νοήσαντα, as appears from his translation :

𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 𐎠𐎢 : 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 𐎠𐎢
 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 : 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢
 . 𐎠𐎢𐎡𐎢 (Add. MS. 12159 fol. 231. a. 2.
 Brit. Mus.). Comp. also Cobet, *Novae Lectiones*,
 pp. 283, 284.

105. *omnes enim portabunt...* The Arab. has بجملة بل كل احد يقوم, which is translated by Oekley: *But every one shall stand for all (that he hath done)*. Steiner would alter the last word to بجملة sondern jeder Einzelne steht ein für sein Thun. I prefer to read بجملة 'each shall stand with his burden;' this would involve less change, and at the same time preserve an idea which is expressed in the oldest versions.

EXTRACTS FROM AMBROSE AND JEROME.

(A) Comp. 4 Ezra vii. 36—42.

IBIMUS eo ubi paradiscus est iucunditatis¹,.....ubi nullae nubes, nulla tonitrua, nullae coruscationes², nulla ventorum procella, neque tenebrae, neque uesper, neque aestas, neque hyems uices uariabunt³ temporum. Non frigus, non grando, non pluuiæ, non solis istius erit usus, aut lunæ, neque stellarum globi: sed sola Dei fulgebit claritas. Dominus enim erit lux omnium....*Ambrosii de bono Mortis* XII. (*Ed. Bened. I. col. 411*).

¹ *par. iocund. est.* GMPQ.

² *nulle choruscationes sunt* P.

³ *narrabunt* Q.

(B) Comp. 4 Ezra iii. 5; vii. 78.

Ambrosius Horontiano salutem....De quo tibi Esdrae librum legendum suadeo, qui et illas philosophorum nugas despexerit; et abditiore prudentia, quam collegerat ex reuelatione, perstrinxerit eas (animas) substantiæ esse superioris. *Ambrosii Ep. xxxiv.* (*Ed. Bened. II. col. 922*).

(C) Comp. 4 Ezra vii. 80—87.

Ergo dum exspectatur plenitudo temporis, exspectant animæ remunerationem debitam. Alias manet poena, alias gloria: et tamen nec illæ interim sine iniuria, nec istæ sine fructu sunt. Nam et illæ¹ uidentes² seruantibus legem Dei repositam esse mercedem gloriæ, conseruari earum ab Angelis habitacula, sibi autem dissimulationis et contumaciæ supplicia futura, et pudorem et confusionem; ut intuentes gloriam Altissimi, erubescant in eius conspectum uenire, cuius mandata temerauerint³. *Ambrosii de bono Mortis* x. (*Ed. Bened. I. col. 408*).

¹ *Nam ille* Q.

² *uidentes* altered to *uident* E.

³ *temerauerunt* GMPQ.

(D) Comp. 4 Ezra vii. 91—101.

Iustarum autem¹ animarum per ordines quosdam digesta erit laetitia². Primum, quod uicerint carnem, nec illecebris eius inflexae³ sint. Deinde, quod pro pretio sedulitatis et innocentiae suae, securitate potiantur, nec quibusdam sicut impiorum animae erroribus⁴ et perturbationibus implicentur, atque uitiorum suorum memoria torqueantur, et exagitantur⁵ quibusdam curarum aestibus. Tertio⁶, quod seruatae a se legis diuinae⁷ testimonio fulciantur⁸, ut factorum suorum incertum supremo iudicio non uereantur euentum. Quarto⁹, quia incipiunt intelligere¹⁰ requiem suam, et futuram sui gloriam praeuidere, eaque se consolatione mulcentes, in habitaculis suis cum magna tranquillitate requiescent stipatae praesidiis Angelorum. Quintus autem ordo exultationis uberrimae habet¹¹ suauitatem, quod ex hoc corruptibilis corporis carcere in lucem libertatemque peruenerint, et repromissam sibi possideant hereditatem.....Denique sexto ordine demonstrabitur his¹², quod uultus earum¹³ sicut sol incipiat¹⁴ refulgere, et stellarum luminibus comparari; qui tamen fulgor earum corruptelam iam sentire non possit. Septimus uero ordo is¹⁵ erit, ut exsultent cum fiducia, et sine ulla cunctatione confidant, et sine trepidatione laetentur, festinantes uultum eius uidere, cui sedulae seruitutis obsequia detulerunt: de quo¹⁶ innoxiae conscienciae¹⁷ recordatione praesumant gloriosam mercedem laboris exigui, quam¹⁸ incipientes recipere, cognouerunt indignas esse¹⁹ huius temporis passiones, quibus remunerationis aeternae gloria tanta refertur²⁰. Hic ordo, inquit, animarum, quae sunt iustorum, quas²¹ etiam immortales non dubitauit dicere in quinto ordine; eo quod spatium, inquit²², incipiunt recipere fructes et immortales²³. Haec est, inquit, requies earum²⁴ per septem ordines, et futurae gloriae prima perfunctio, priusquam in suis habitationibus quietae congregationis munere perfuantur²⁵. Unde ait Propheta ad Angelum: Ergo dabitur tempus animabus, postquam separatae fuerint de corporibus²⁶, ut uideant ea quomodo²⁷ dixisti[?] Et dixit Angelus: Septem dies erit libertas earum, ut uideant, in septem diebus, qui praedicti sunt ser-

¹ uero EGMPQ. ² digesta leticia ÷ (÷ over eras.) E. om. erit GMPQ. ³ inflexi altered to inflexae EM. inflexi PQ. ⁴ terroribus Cod. Reg. (quoted in Bened. Ed.) ⁵ exagitantur MQ. ⁶ tertium MPQ. ⁷ diuinae legis test. G. ⁸ fulciantur EGMPQ. ⁹ Quartum EMP. Quartum ē Q. ¹⁰ intell. incip. G. ¹¹ exul. habet uberrimae EGMPQ. ¹² his EGP. hiis Q. ¹³ eorum EGMPQ. ¹⁴ incipiet Laur. Volekm. Hilg. Fritzsche. ¹⁵ ordo his erit EP. ordo hiis erit Q. hiis ordo erit G. ¹⁶ de q̄ E. ¹⁷ constantiae EMPQ. ¹⁸ quem MPQ. ¹⁹ om. esse GP. ²⁰ gloria tanta refertur EMPQ. tanta gloria largitur et refertur G. gl. tan. referatur Laur. Volekm. Hilg. Fritzsche. ²¹ quos EMPQ. ²² om. inquit G. ²³ fructes et immortales sunt. EGMP. ²⁴ animarum Fabr. Laur. Volekm. Hilg. Fritzsche. ²⁵ gloriae: Prima quiete congregationis munere perfuantur. Perfunctio prius quam in suis habitationibus. Unde E. ²⁶ corpore G. ²⁷ de quomodo for ea quomodo EGMPQ.

mones, et postea congregabuuntur in habitaculis suis. Haec ideo plenius de iustorum ordinibus expressa sunt, quam de passionibus impiorum; quia melius est cognoscere quomodo innocentes saluentur, quam quomodo crucientur flagitiosi. *Ambr. de bono Mortis* XI. (*Ed. Bened.* I. col. 408, 409).

[E=MS. 1. 3. 21. Emmanuel Coll. Cambridge. G=MS. 114. Gonville and Caius Coll. Cambridge.
M=MS. 5. A. xv. Brit. Museum. P=MS. 193. Pembroke Coll. Cambridge. Q=MS. 203. Pembroke Coll. Cambridge.]

(E) Comp. 4 Ezra VII. 102—

Dicis in libello tuo, quod dum uiuimus, mutuo pro nobis¹ orare possumus², postquam autem mortui fuerimus, nullius sit pro alio exaudienda oratio, praesertim cum Martyres ultionem sui sanguinis obsecrantes, impetrare non quierint³. . . .

: : : : :

Tu uigilaus dormis, et dormiens scribis: et proponis⁴ mihi librum apocryphum, qui sub nomine Esdrae a te, et similibus tuis⁵ legitur: ubi scriptum est, quod post mortem nullus pro aliis audeat⁶ deprecari: quem ego librum nunquam legi. Quid enim necesse est in manus⁷ sumere, quod Ecclesia non recipit? nisi forte Balsamum mihi, et Barbelum⁸, et Thesaurum Manichaei, et ridiculum nomen Leusiborae proferas⁹, et quia ad radices Pyrenaci habitas, uicinusque es Iberiae, Basilidis antiquissimi haeretici, et imperitae scientiae, incredibilia portenta prosequeris¹⁰, et proponis¹¹ quod totius orbis auctoritate damnatur. *Hieron. contra Vigilantium.* (*Opp. ed. Vallarsius*, II. col. 392, 393).

¹ om. *pro nobis* ABCDU. ² *possumus* BCDU. ³ *impetr. nequierint* ABCDU. ⁴ *propinas* Fabr. Laur. Volekm. Hilg. Fritzsche. ⁵ *tui* V. ⁶ *gaudeat* Fabr. Laur. Lücke Volekm. Hilg. Fritzsche. ⁷ *in manu* EF. ⁸ *barbelo* ABCDEFU. *barbellū* V. ⁹ om. *proferas* CEFU. ¹⁰ *persequeris* ABCDUV. *perquires* EF. ¹¹ *propones* EF.

[A=MS. 6 C. XI. Brit. Mus. B=MS. 6. D. 1. Brit. Mus. C=MS. 6. D. II. Brit. Mus. D=MS. 6. D. III. Brit. Mus. E=Harl. 5003. Brit. Mus. F=Burney 322. Brit. Mus. U=Dd. II. 7. Univ. Libr. Cambridge. V=Dd. VII. I. Univ. Libr. Cambridge.]

ADDENDA.

PAGE 1, note 3. The Vatican MS. of the Arabic vers. (=Cod. V.), written apparently in the 16th century, proves to be a copy of the Oxford MS., Bodl. 251 (=Cod. B.), which is dated Anno Martyrum 1051 (=A. D. 1335). The relationship of these two MSS. might have been suspected from comparing the lists of their contents, e.g. 1 Ezra (=4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), Ezra, Neh., Tobit, appear in the same order in both, (comp. Mai, *Scrip. Vet. N.C.* IV. p. 3 with Nicoll, *Cat. Codd. MSS. Ox. Bibl. Bodl.* p. 13). But Dr. Guidi's collation furnishes conclusive evidence of the origin of Cod. V.: e.g. in VII. 94 (Ew. 75, p. 33, l. 11) the word **بِيا** is nearly obliterated in Cod. B., it is absent from Cod. V. In VII. 95 (Ew. 75, p. 33, l. 13) the word **السَّاعَةِ** in Cod. B. has lost portions of its last two letters, and in its mutilated form resembles **السكى**, which is the reading of Cod. V. In VII. 96 (Ew. 75, p. 33, l. 17) there are some defects in the MS., where the word stands, which Ewald takes to be **المشا**, in Cod. V. it is written **المسلكى**, and from the traces that still remain, we may infer that this was the original reading of Cod. B. In VII. 97 (Ew. 75, p. 33, l. 18) some strokes have been rubbed out from the middle of **مستنيرة** in Cod. B., the word consequently appears as **منيرة** in Cod. V. There is a hole in Cod. B. at the end of VII. 100 (Ew. 77), so that the last word is imperfect, but the points below the line are rather in favour of the reading **قيل**, as Cod. V. gives it, than of **تقول**, as Ewald edits. The words **اد منك يا ادم** are written by a later hand in Cod. B. at the foot of the page, where the last word is **اخطأت** VII. 118 (48, Ew. 90), they stand after the same word in the text of Cod. V. The latter MS. differs from the printed text in reading **والعالم** VII. 70 (Ew. 62), **هذا الامر** VII. 75 (Ew. 66) and **فانت انا** VII. 76 (Ew. 67), but it has been found on inspection to represent in these cases also, with but slight deviations, the text of Cod. B. In one respect the copy varies from the original, viz. by the introduction of a greater number of errors in orthography and

grammar: it has, for instance, د for ذ nearly always, ث for ت, ح for خ, ص for ض, s for š, sometimes ق for ک, as in تدرقه VII. 42 (Ew. 39), مسلوقة V. 3. Again, ابتيل for ابتيال VII. 42 (Ew. 40), احبنى for اجابنى VI. 1, etc., ينالوا for ينالون VII. 47 (Ew. 44), الاشيا for الاشيا V. 44, etc., هدا for هذه, الاولى for الاولى VII. 92 (Ew. 75). But though exhibiting a debased form of the language, the Vatican copy will be of some service in supplying what has been obliterated or lost in the MS. of the Bodleian.

Page 2, note 2. Possibly another version has in like manner been printed and neglected; for the list of books contained in the Georgian Bible, fol. Moskau, 1743, seems to include the 4th of Esdr., disguised by a different enumeration¹. It would be interesting to have some trustworthy information on this subject. The Georgian translation of the Old Test. is said to have been made in the sixth century, from the Greek, and to have been subsequently corrected from the old Slavonic.

Page 2, note 4. The Vatican MS. of Arab.² is stated to belong to the 14th century. It differs in many respects from the Bodleian MS., but especially in exhibiting an unabridged form of the text, so that it will prove an important contribution to the criticism of this particular version. A few examples of its readings are given below.

Page 3, latter part of note 5. I may here notice a modern Hebrew translation of 4 Esdr. XIII., written in rabb. char. at the end of Cod. 272, in the Library of De-Rossi at Parma. It is thus described in the Cat. *Excerptum ex lib. iv. Esdrae Cap. xiii. ex Bibliis christianorum, seu latinis hebraice versum, membr. et chart. in 4^o an. 1487. MSS. Codd. Hebr. Biblioth. I. B. de-Rossi, I. p. 155.*

Dr. A. Neubauer has kindly forwarded to me the following specimen of this translation:

עופם העתקת מספר רביעי מיוחס לעזרא הסופר הנמצא בביבליא נוגרית מספר רביעי מעזרא פרק י"ג וזה לשונו

(¹) ויהי אקרי שבעת ימים קלמתי קלום לילה (²) והנה רוחות עולות מים לסער המון גליו (³) ואראה והנה החזק איש עם לבאות השמים ומידי כמותו להבין חרדו כל הנראים תחתיו (⁴) ובכל מקום אשר ילא קולו בערו כל השומעים כאשר תבער ארץ בהריחה אש (⁵) ואראה אה"כ' והנה רגשו גוים לאין מספר מארבע רוחות השמים להלחם עם האיש העולה מן הים (⁶) ואראה והנה הקק לו הר גבוה ויעף עליו (⁷) ואני

¹ . . . "13, 14) die beyden (Bücher) der Chronik, 15) Esras, 16) Nehemias, 17) das 2te und 18) das 3te Buch Esras, 19) Tobias" . . . (Eichhorn's *Allg. Bibl.* I.

A.D. 1787, p. 168). I have not been able to find a copy of the edition of the Georgian Bible here referred to.

בקשתי לראות את המלל' או את המקום מאין נחקק ההר ולא יכולתי. ⁽⁵³⁾ ואח"כ ראיתי והנה כל המתקבלים אליו להלחם אתו יראים מאד ואמנם העיון פניהם להלחם ⁽⁵⁴⁾ והנה כאשר ראה רגשת ההמון הבא לא הרים ידו . . . זה פתרון החלום אשר ראית ובאשר הראית לדעת ⁽⁵⁵⁾ כי עונת מחשבותיך ושמת עשתונותיך לבקש את תורת. ⁽⁵⁶⁾ ונפשך הבינות לחכמה ושכלך קראת היות קטן מהכיל ⁽⁵⁷⁾ ע"כ הראיתיך הנסתרות אשר עס ס' לא אבחר אמנם בעוד שלשת ימים אדבר עוד אליך ואבאר גדולות ונוראות ⁽⁵⁸⁾ ואלך ואעבור בסדה מפאר ומשבח מאד לשם עליין והנוראות אשר עשה ⁽⁵⁹⁾ יושב וזן [ודן leg.] את כל העולם כולו. עד כאן נעתק מהמקום הנ"ל

I have just received, through the kindness of the Abbate Pietro Perreau, a transcript of the entire chapter, but the sample which I have printed will, no doubt, be thought sufficient. This Hebr. version of Chap. XIII. appears to have been made from an early printed edition of the Latin Bible, in which the abbreviations were not always understood by the translator, e.g. he probably found in verse 36 *ōndet* (= *ostendetur*), which he took for an active verb², and in verse 55 *m̄rem* (= *matrem*), which he expanded into *minorem*, and paraphrased³.

Page 5, line 7. The date of Cod. S. is inserted in the initial letter O, at the beginning of Ecclesiasticus, (see *Nouv. Traité de Diplomatique*, III. p. 128).

Page 6, line 10. 'non réglées' rather 'régées a la pointe sèche', but the traces of the ruling are scarcely visible in some sheets.

Page 8, note 1. My friend, the Rev. H. B. Swete, B.D., Fellow of Conv. and Cai. Coll. Camb., has, at my suggestion, undertaken an edition of the Comm. of Theod. Mopsuest. on the shorter epistles of St Paul. From his collation of the two MSS., I will insert in these Addenda a few further illustrations of peculiar forms and constructions.

Page 10, note 3. Add to the list of contractions found in Cod. S. *dieb*; *dir*; *ei*; *enī*, *fr̄s*, *n̄*, *m̄*, *om̄a*, *sc̄lm*, *uob̄*.

I have been able to glean a few readings from some of the MSS. mentioned below (p. 82, seq.).

Page 19, note 1. *sequenti precedente* vi. 12, Codd. Arras, Cambrai.

Page 19, note 3. *et pauor* iv. 24, Codd. Arr., Cambrai.

¹ מלכות is again the rendering of *regio* in verse 45.

² The words *Syon autem ueniet, et ostendetur* (*ōndet*) *omnibus parata et edificata* are thus trans-

lated:
ולטין אמנס יבא ויורה לכל העתידות והענויות.

³ The two contractions, here referred to, occur in a Venice Bible of 1478.

Page 19, note 5. om. *oro* VI. 12, Cod. Dou., om. *oro ut*, Cod. Orl.

Page 20, note 1. *uoluptate* III. 8, Codd. Orl., Dou., *pro ualidis* VII. 112 (42), Dou.

Page 20, note 3. *recipe* II. 40, Cod. Dou.

Page 20, line 25. *factus est* III. 17, Cod. Arr.

Page 20, line 26. *facit* III. 31, Cod. Arr.

Page 21, line 7. *tue enim creature miserearis* VIII. 45, Cod. Dou.

Page 21, line 12. *hunc sermonem* X. 20, Cod. Cambrai, *hęc sermonem hunc*, Cod. Arr.

Page 21, note 2. om. *in ea* XI. 32, Cod. Dou.

Page 23, note 1. The following observations on the word 'Arzareth,' XIII. 45, made by an English writer of the 17th century, seem to be unknown. I print them that they may hold their proper place in a résumé of opinions on the subject.

"... True it is indeed that I find the City of Arsaratha, mentioned both in Berossus fragments (I. lib. 3?), and in Ptol. (Geogr. I. 5, c. 13, et in Tab. 3 Asiae), placed neere the issue of the river Araxes into the Caspian sea: and it was perhaps one of the Israelitish Colonies, planted in the confines of the Empire of Assyria: for it may well be that Arsaratha is but **יער שארית** [leg. **עיר שארית**], or **הר שארית**, that is the City, or the hill of the remainder: or perhaps **ארין שארית** (the last letter of the first word cut off in the Greeke pronounciation for sounds sake), the Land of the remainder: but the tale of eighteene monthes journey, will no more agree with this City, then the region of Arsareth doth, with Geography or History." (*Enquiries touching the diversity of Languages, and Religions, through the chiefe parts of the World* by Edw. Brerewood, lately professour of Astronomy in Gresham Colledge, 4to, London, 1635, pp. 107, 108.)

Page 24, note 3. I refer in this note to the well-known couplet from Hudibras:

"In mathematics he was greater
Than Tycho Brahe, or Erra Pater."

There seems to be no good reason for supposing with Dr Z. Grey¹, that Wm. Lilly (1602—1681) is alluded to in this anticlimax. At any rate the bare assertion of some modern annotators of Hudibras, that such is the case, has the effect of keeping completely out of view the popular astrological tract, which under the name of 'Erra Pater' was frequently reprinted at London in the 16th and 17th centuries. A copy in the

¹ The principal argument on which he relies is an expression found in the 'Memoirs of the years 49 and 50,' p. 75 (publ. in the 2nd Vol. of *The Post-*

humous Works of Sam. Butler, 1715), "O the infallibility of Erra Pater Lilly!"

Brit. Mus. is entitled, "The Pronostycacion for ever of Erra Pater: *A Jewe borne in Jewery*" . . . (Robt. Wyer) London, [circ. 1535]. The significant addition to the name, and above all the fact, that we find essentially the same matter ascribed to the Prophet Esdras, in old French (CLXXVIII. 11, St John's Coll. Oxford, see Coxe's *Catalogue*), in Latin (MS. Hh. vi. 11 (11), Univ. Libr. Cambridge), and in Greek (*Notices et Extraits des MSS. de la Bibl. du Roi*, XI. 2, p. 186, and Tischend., *Apocalypses Apocryphae*, p. xiv.)¹ lead to the conclusion that 'Erra' is a corruption from Ezra².

Page 25, note 4. C. Paucker gives examples of *districtio* 'synon. seneritas; male enim interpretantur Lexicographi.' *Zeitschr. f. d. österreichischen Gymnasien*, 1874, p. 99.

Page 26, note 4. *et antequam estuarent chamini in Syon* VI. 4, Cod. Arras, ...*chiminop Syon*, Cod. Dou.

Page 31, line 5. Should these coincidences in reading between Cod. A. and later MSS. prove in the end to be too marked and too numerous to be explained by the considerations which I have suggested, then we must assume, that, when Cod. S., in its mutilated form, was adopted as the basis of the text, some other MS., allied to Cod. A., was occasionally consulted in difficult readings. The fact that the lacuna was not filled up from this source will be best accounted for by the supposition that the passage was suppressed for dogmatic reasons.

Page 32, note 1. *mira* III. 8, Codd. Orl. Arr. Dou.

Page 32, note 3. *non in usum fuerit* IV. 29, Cod. Arr., *non euulsum fuerit*, Cod. Dou.

Page 40, line 8 from below. There is an early date in a record of bequest inserted on fol. 1 of Cod. C. 8 (one of the three MSS. containing the curious interpolation *et heretici* v. 8, see above, p. 23, note 1), which is not noticed by Dean Cowie in his *Catalogue of the MSS. of St John's Coll. Cambridge*. It runs thus: "Clausula testamenti Magistri Roberti de Pykering quondam decani Ecclesiae Beati Petri Eborum, qui legauit hunc librum prioratui de Gyseburn, et obiit die Jouis ultimo die mensis Decembris, Anno Dni milliō CCC^{mo} XXXII^{do}. *Itm delego* (altered to *do lego*) *prioratui de Gyseburn Bibliam meam meliorem, pro eo quod libri monasterii fuerunt combusti in combustione*

¹ Compare especially in all these places the section which in the English begins thus: "In the yere that Janyuero shall enter upon the Sodaye the wynter shal be colde, and moyst."

B.

² The same kind of astrological literature sometimes appears under other distinguished names, as S. Dionysius, and Ven. Bede (comp. *Catal. de la Bibl. de Valenciennes*, par J. Mangeart, p. 684).

*Ecclesiae sue*¹, ita quod faciant anniuersarium meum singulis annis in perpetuum in conuentu."

Page 41, line 5. Here follows a supplementary list of MSS. which contain 4 Esdr. I.—XVI., or any part thereof.

BIBLIOTHECA SUSSEXIANA.

Lat. MSS. No. 4.² Bibl. Lat. 8×5 inches. Ff. 513, Saec. XII.—XIII. ... 'there are the four books of Esdras, and the prayer of Manasseh at the end of 2 Chron.' (*Pettigrew's Cat.* I. 1. 1827, pp. LXX., LXXI).

THE BRITISH MUSEUM, LONDON.

Cott. MS., Cland. E. 1. fol. Saec. XIII. A vol. containing treatises by Augustine, Arnulf (Abb. Bonae-vallis), Anselm, and Pet. Comestor, and at the end, 4 Esdr. I. II. ('Lib. Esdre prophete³, filii Sarei'), 3 Esdr. ('Et egit Josias')⁴, 4 Esdr. III.—XVI. (*Communicated by Prof. W. Wright*).

THE MINSTER LIBRARY, YORK.

XVI. D. 13. Bibl. Lat. 4to. Saec. XIII. Presented to the Library in 1833. (*Communicated by the Rev. J. Raine*).

THE CATHEDRAL LIBRARY, HEREFORD.

P. VII. 1. Bibl. Lat. fol. maj. Saec. XIII.—XIV. At the end of the N. T., 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II. 'Liber Esdrae prophetae secundus'), 3 Esdr., 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.). (*Communicated by the Rev. Dr. Jebb*).

THE CATHEDRAL LIBRARY, SALISBURY.

No. 127. Bibl. Lat. 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ ×7 inches. Saec. XIII.—XIV. 3 Esdr. comes between 4 Esdr. I. II. and 4 Esdr. III.—XIV. (*Communicated by the Rev. H. W. Pullen*).

¹ From an entry in a MS. missal of Gisleburne, it appears that this fire took place A.D. 1289. (*Catal. of the MSS. at Ashburnham Place*. Appendix, No. 44.) Comp. also Dugdale's *Monasticon Anglicanum*, last ed. Vol. vi. p. 265.

² This MS. appears also as No. 32 in one of Thorpe's Catalogues for 1844.

³ The word *secundus*, I. 1, is absent from this and from the following MSS., A. C. 4, 5, 9, 10, II, II., L. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, O. 1, 2, Edinb., Orl., Reims, Dou. This is another point, in which many later MSS. coincide with Cod. A. and not with Cod. S.

⁴ Of the two Latin versions of 3 Esdr., viz. the

'Versio Vulgata' (*Et fecit Josias Pascha—secundum testamentum Domini Dei Israel*), and the 'Versio altera' (*Et egit Josias Pascha—secundum dispositionem Domini Dei Israel*), the latter, which was first published by Sabatier, is by no means uncommon in MSS. I have observed it also in the following: C. 1, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, 11, L. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, O. 2, 5, Chartres 157, Orléans 3, 6, Reims 2, and Douai 3. In Orléans 10, the commencement is *Celebrauit Josias Pascha*. No. CXX., Bibl. Senat. civ. Lips., dated A.D. 1273 (*Et elegit Josias Pascha*), seems, from the short specimen forwarded to me by Mr. C. R. Gregory, to present a mixed text.

THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY, EDINBURGH.

AC. b. 14. Bibl. Lat. 4to. min. Saec. XIV. 3 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II. 'Liber Esdrae prophetae filii Sarai'), 4 Esdr. (= 3 Esdr. 'Et fecit Josias'), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III—XIV. and XV. XVI.). (*Communicated by J. Small, M.A., and the Rev. Dr. W. L. Alexander*).

THE LIBRARY OF ALL SOULS' COLLEGE, OXFORD.

No. II. Bibl. Lat., 4to. Saec. XIV. ...1, 2 Paralip., 1 Esdr., 2 Esdr. (= Neh. and 4 Esdr. I. II.), 3 Esdr. ('Et feciat [sic] Josias'), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.), Tob. (*Communicated by Prof. Jul. Zupitza*).

BIBLIOTHÈQUE PUBLIQUE D'ORLÉANS.

No. 6. Bibl. Lat., fol. maj. Said to date from A.D. 1179 (Cat. par A. Septier, 1820), I was not able however, on glancing through the pages, to verify this statement. ...1, 2 Paralip., 1 Esdr. (= Ezra and Neh.), 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II. 'Liber Esdrae prophetae filii Sarei'), 3 Esdr. ('Et egit Josias'), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.), Judith....

BIBLIOTHÈQUE COMMUNALE DE LA VILLE D'AMIENS.

No. 2. Bibl. Lat. 8vo. Saec. XIII. Abb. de St. Acheul.—'On y trouve tout l'Ancien et le Nouveau Testament, avec ... le 3^e. et le 4^e. livres d'Esdras.' (*Catalogue ... par J. Garnier. Amiens. 1843*).

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE TOURS.

No. 15. Bibl. Lat. pars. 4to. Saec. XIII. Saint-Martin, 5. ...1, 2 Paralip., 'les quatre Livres d'Esdras,' Tob. I—III. 4. (*Catalogue... par A. Dorange. Tours, 1875*).

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE TROYES.

No. 621. 1^o. Pet. Comest. Hist. Scol. 2^o. Libri Esdrae 2^{us}, 3^{us}, 4^{us}, 5^{us}. 3^o. Lib. Thobiae. 4^o. Com. in Exod. fol. Saec. XIII. 'Clairvaux ... 2^o. Les Livres d'Esdras, II., III., IV., V., sont les Livres III. et IV. autrement partagés que dans les imprimés.' 2 Esdr. (= 3 Esdr.), 3 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II.), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.). (*Cat. gén. des MSS. des Bibliothèques publiques des Départements, II. 1855, p. 262*).

BIBLIOTHÈQUE PUBLIQUE DE REIMS.

No. 2. Bibl. Lat. fol. Saec. XIII—XIV. ...1, 2 Paralip., 1 Esdr. (= Ezra and Neh.), 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II., 'Hic est liber Esdre prophete filii Sarei'), 3 Esdr. ('Et egit Josias'), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.), Judith...

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE LA VILLE D'ARRAS.

No. 785 (ol. 743). Bibl. Lat. Svo. Saec. XIV. Mon. S. Vedast. ...1, 2 Paralip., Or. Man., 1 Esdr., 2 Esdr. (= Neh.), 3 Esdr. ('Et fecit Josias'), Apocri. (= 4 Esdr. I. II. 'Liber Esdrae prophetae secundus filii Sarei,' 4 Esdr. III—XIV. beginning with a capital letter, and 4 Esdr. XV. XVI. beginning with a capital), Judith...

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE DOUAL.

No. 3¹. Bibl. Lat. fol. min. Saec. XIV. ...1, 2 Paralip., Or. Man., 1 Esdr., Neh., 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II.), 3 Esdr. ('Et egit Josias'), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 5 Esdr. XV. XVI.). Hester....

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE CAMBRAI.

No. 270. Bibl. Lat. in 5 vols. fol. Saec. XIV.—XV. ...1, 2 Paralip., Or. Man., 1 Esdr., Neh., 2 Esdr. (= 3 Esdr. 'Et fecit Josias'), Esdre (= 4 Esdr. I.—XVI.). Tobias...

BIBLIOTHÈQUE DE VALENCIENNES.

No. 2. A. 3. 30, 31. Bibl. Lat., 2 vol., fol. Saec. XVI. St Amand. ...1, 2 Paralip., 1 Esdr., 2 Esdr., 3 Esdr., 4 Esdr., Tob. 'Ces deux magnifiques volumes doivent tenir le premier rang parmi ceux que George d'Egmond, 71^e Abbé de St Amand, fit confectionner durant sa prélature.' (*Catalogue ... par J. Mangeart. Paris, 1860.*)

UNIVERSITÄTS-BIBLIOTHEK, ERLANGEN.

No. 610, 611. Bibl. Lat. 2 Bde. fol. Saec. XIV.... 1, 2 Paralip., 1 Esdr., Neh., 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II. ?), 3 Esdr., 4 Esdr. ('vom vierten ist blos der Anfang des dritten Kapitels geschrieben') Tob. (*Handschriften-Katalog bearb. von J. C. Irmischer, Frankf. a/m. 1852*).

UNIVERSITÄTS-BIBLIOTHEK, LEIPZIG.

No. 4. Bibl. Lat. fol. min. Saec. XV. ...1, 2 Paralip., Or. Man., Esdr., Neh., Confessio Esdr., 3 Esdr., 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I.—XVI.)² Thob. (*Communicated by Mr. Caspar René Gregory*).

¹ In the Catalogue of the MSS. of the Douai Library by H. R. Duthilloeu, Svo., Douai, 1846, no mention is made of the presence of 4 Esdr. in this MS., but on the other hand No. 10, Bibl. Lat. pars, fol. Saec. x. is stated to contain ... 'Paralip. (duo libri), Esdras (quatuor l.), Hester'.... As a MS. of this age would rank next in importance to Codd. A. and S., I made a point of examining it, while this sheet was passing through the press, and found that it never

included more of Esdras than the two canonical books (Ezra and Neh.).

² From the omission of *ego Salathiel qui et Esdras*, III. 1, and the presence of *cubiculo* for *cubili*, ib., coupled with the fact that the whole is divided into XVI. Chapters, I conclude that this MS., like those mentioned above, p. 41, l. 1, merely represents the printed text of the Vulgate.

BIBLIOTHECA PALAT. VINDOBON.

Bibl. Lat., 8vo. min. Saec. XIV. 'Post L. Neh. fol. 247 reperiuntur duo Esdrae apocryphi, qui hic Secundus et Tertius inscribuntur.' (*Codd. MSS. Theologici . . . Lat. . . . rec . . . M. Denis*. II. 1. No. XXIX. *Vindob.* 1799).

Bibl. Lat. fol. Saec. XV. 'Esdras in Libros V. dividitur.' 3 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II. and 3 Esdr.), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.). (*Id.* I. 1. No. XVI. *Vindob.* 1793.)

Bibl. Lat., fol. Saec. XV. 'a quodam qui Joh. Hussi placita sectabatur, ut videtur, perscripta.' Esdr., Neh., 2 Esdr. (= 3 Esdr.), 3 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II.), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XVI.). (*Id.* I. 1. No. XVIII.).

Bibl. Lat., 4to. Saec. XIV. '... Paralip., subjecta in marg. Manassis Oratione, Esdras et Neh., Confessio Esdre desumta ex eius Libro IV. apocr. c. 8. a v. 20—37. non sine varietate ab editis. Tum Prov.'... (*Id.* II. 1. No. XVII.).

Bibl. Lat. pars I., fol. min. Saec. XV. 'Post Libr. Neh. Incipit confessio Esdre, quae nihil est aliud, quam Excerptum ex apocrypho eius Libro IV. c. 8. a v. 20. ad v. 37. rarissime in aliis Codicibus obuium, et dictione varians ab Editis'... Hanc Confessionem excipit Lib. III. Esdrae hic dictus II.' (*Id.* II. 1. No. XLIII.).

D. MARCI BIBLIOTHECA, VENET.

Cod. V. Bibl. Lat., 4to. min. Saec. circ. XV. 'Esdrae Liber IV. mutilus est fine, et uariam exhibet ab editis lectionem.' (*Latina et Italica D. Marci Bibliotheca Codicum MSS.* 1741.)

At least 5 MSS. of 4 Esdr. were consulted for the Vulgate edited by the theologians of Louvain, Antwerpiae, 1573 etc. The scanty list of various readings selected is reprinted in Walton's Polyglot, vol. VI.

On one occasion MS. authority is expressly quoted on the margin of our Auth. Vers. (see marginal note to IV. 51).

The position which 4 Esdr. occupies in the MSS. may be here briefly noticed. It is generally found in company with the other books of Esdr. after Chron. (the prayer of Manasseh frequently intervening). In C. 5 the books of Esdr. come after Malachi,

¹ The text is of the same type as that of the MSS. mentioned above, p. 34. This may be seen from the specimen which is given:

Domine, qui habitas in eternum, cuius oculi elati et superiora in aere, cuius thronus inestima-

bilis et claritas incomprehensibilis, cui astant exercitus angelorum cum tremore, quorum seruacio in uento et in igne conuertetur, cuius uerbum firmum et dicta perseuerantia, &c. 4 Esdr. VIII. 20—22.

and in L. 4, O. 1, after Esther. In C. 8, the 1st, 2nd (= Neh.), and 3rd of Esdras are in their usual place after Chron. and Or. Man.; while 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II.), 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.) and 5 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.), form an Appendix at the end of the New Test. On the other hand, in C. 9 the Canonical books of Ezra and Neh. have been omitted in their proper places, and are supplied in a different hand at the end of the Volume.

The order of sequence in the several books of Esdr., which Cod. S. presents, is as follows: (1, 2 Paralip.), 1 Ezra (= Ezra, Neh.), 3 Ezra III. IV. V. 1—3 (this extract is written in smaller characters, and fills one page only), 2 Ezra (= 4 Esdr. I. II.), 3 Ezra (= 3 Esdr. I. II. 1—15), 4 Ezra (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), 5 Ezra (= 4 Esdr. XV. XVI.), (Hester).

The peculiar way in which chapters from the 3rd book are here distributed seems to be hinted at by the Benedictine editors of Ambrose, in the vague description which they give of a St. Germ. MS. which I have proposed to identify with Cod. S. (see above, p. 4, note 1). The ambiguity thus created with regard to the place in which this book should stand, was probably the origin of its varying position in later copies. In many cases 3 Esdr. comes after 2 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. I. II.), and before 4 Esdr. (= 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), as in Codd. C. 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, L. 1, 2, 5, 6, O. 1, 2, 5, also in the Cott., Hereford, Salisb., Edinb., All Souls, Orl., Reims, Douai and Vindob. (XVI.) MSS.

In other cases 3 Esdr. precedes 4 Esdr. I. II., (which is then followed immediately by 4 Esdr. III.—XIV.), as in C. 6, 12, D., L. 4, 7, O. 3, 6, 7, T., W., and in the Troyes, Arras, Cambrai, Leipzig and Vindob. (XVIII.) MSS. (3 Esdr. also comes before 4 Esdr. I. II. in C. 13, 14.) This is also the order of the books in Cod. A. (see above, p. 6)

It is interesting to notice that the MSS. (C. 6, 12, L. 7, O. 3, T., W., Arras and Cambrai), which were grouped together by internal evidence, have also this external distinction in common.

Page 42. II. A notice of this MS. may be found in an 'Account of the MS. Library at Holkham, by W. Roscoe' (*Transactions of the Royal Society of Literature*, Vol. II. (1834), p. 356).

Verse 37. In Arab². Cod. Vat. has *تَجَرَعُوا* for *تَخَوَّفُوا* Cod. Bodl.

Verse 38. *in contra*, see Rönseh, pp. 235, 519. *Comp. in palam* XIV. 45.

Verse 38. In Arab². after *الكبير* ins. *هو القضا اليوم* from Cod. Vat.

Verse 40, note 2. In a late Latin version of the 'Historia septem sapientum,' the style of which is thus characterized: "die ganze Schrift ist durch und durch romanisch, speciell italienisch, gedacht und nur die äussere Hülle lateinisch," we meet with the expressions *de sero* and *uno autem sero*. (Mussafia, *Beiträge zur Lit. der Sieben weisen Meister—Sitzungsberichte der Wiener Akad.* 1868, pp. 96 and 114).

Verse 41, note 3. The Vat. MS. has *لناتس* for *لنانس*, thus giving another proof of its dependance on the Bodleian MS., for the additional point in ق has been left from the ز which is erased in the latter MS.—It is just possible that Ockley in rendering this word by 'blast,' may have had in view a supposed form *ليئس* (*λαϊλαψ*), which closely follows the ductus literarum.

Verse 41. The order is different in the Cod. Vat. of Arab², which reads *ولا مطر ولا برد ولا حر ولا ظل ولا زرع*. (Both MSS. have *ظل* for *ظل*).

Verse 42. In Arab². Cod. Vat. has *ويروا الناس* for *ويرى الخلق* Cod. Bodl.

Verse 47. Instances of confusion between *μέλει* and *μέλλει* are very common. See the various readings in Matth. xxii. 16, Mar. iv. 38, etc., Euseb. Eclogae Proph. III. 30 (p. 132, l. 13, ed. Gaisford), Chrysost. Hom. in Matth. 723 E., 833 D. (ed. Field). Comp. also Chrysost. Hom. in Epist. ad Rom. 583 C. (ed. Field), and Alb. Jahn's *Methodius Platonizans* (1865), p. 65.

Verse 66. *Multum enim melius*. Comp. also *quantumque minor*, Apul. de Magia Cap. LXIX. (note in Hildebrand's ed.), and *quantum et maior*, which is the reading of the Cod. Harl. in Theod. Mops. in Eph. i. 23. (*Spic. Sol.* i. 107, col. 2, l. 7).

Verse 69, note 1. This old plur. termination *-is* would naturally give rise to some confusion. I seem to see an instance of this in XIII. 4 *qui audiebant voces eius*, where the original text was probably *vocis eius*, (the gen. after *audio* in imitation of the Greek, see Rönseh, p. 438)¹, which was mistaken for a plural. The oriental versions all have the subst. in the singular.

Verse 82. *reversionem bonam facere*. The construction of this clause is peculiar to the Lat. The Syr. ('conuerſi et bona facere') no doubt represents the orig. The error of the Latin translator might easily have arisen from mistaking *ἐπιστρέφει καὶ ἀγαθοποιεῖν* (or, ...ἀγαθὸν ποιεῖν) for *ἐπιστροφὴν ἀγαθὴν ποιεῖν*.

Verse 87. 'Septima uia est *omnium* quae supradictae sunt *uiarum maior*.' The construction is varied in verse 98, thus: 'Septimus ordo, qui est *omnibus supradictis*

¹ Similarly, *exaudiuit me Deus, ancillae* [-le S.] *sermonum meorum* VIII. 19 Codd. A. (pr. m.), S. tuae IX. 45, Codd. A. (pr. m.), S., and *et intellege* (Comp. *σύνες τῆς κραυγῆς μου*, Ps. v. 1.)

*maior*¹. In the other chapters also the comparative is followed either by the gen., as in Gk. (v. 13, vi. 31, xi. 4, 29, xii. 13, 45, xiv. 13), or by the abl. (viii. 30, so also ii. 43).

Verse 87, note 1. In the Arab. version Cod. V. has *ينسلبوا* instead of *ينسلبوا*. There are other examples of erroneous transposition of letters in this copy, as *تركيس* for *تكريس* vii. 108 (Ew. 83), and *يطلبني* for *يطلبني* xiv. 36.

Verse 89, note 1. *In eo tempore commoratae seruierunt*....As the clause at present stands, it is not unlikely that *commoratae* was taken by the scribe as equivalent to *commorationis*. I have not found elsewhere an instance of *commorata* used as an abstr. subst., like the analogous forms: *defensa*, *extensa*, *missa*, *remissa*, *puncta*, etc., see Rönsch, p. 83, and the remarks of J. N. Ott in *Neue Jahrbücher f. Philologie u. Pädag.* 1874, pp. 782, 783. In xiv. 13, Cod. S. has *corrupte*, where Cod. A. has *corruptio*ⁿⁱ and the Text. Vulg. *corruptelae*.

Verse 89. *uti* (= *ut*). This older form occurs again, chap. xi. 46, also in Num. xxvii. 20, Cod. Ashburnh., and in the Vulg. of Philem. 14.

Verse 93. *complicationem*. Only two authorities have hitherto been cited for the use of this substant. viz. Cael. Aurelian. 4 Chron. 26, and Augustin. 1. Music. n. 19.

Verse 93, note 2. The original reading of Cod. A. in iii. 22, *mansit in malignum* is another illustration of this tendency to insert *in* after *maneo*. To the examples under (a) may be added: *Si quidem et* [Codd. Amb. Harl.] *illos, si solummodo non obedierunt fidei, poena maneat, quanto magis illos qui....* Theod. Mopsuest. in 1 Thess. v. 8.

Verse 96, note 1. The Latin and Anglo-Saxon Psalter of the Univ. Library, Cambridge, Saec. xi. (Ff. i. 23), as well as the Rom. version in the Canterbury Psalter of Trin. Coll. Cambridge, Saec. xii. (R. 17. 1), have likewise *haereditatem* altered to *haereditate* in Ps. xxiv. 13. The latter has also *hereditatem* in Ps. lxxxii. 13. The Psalt. Veron. has *haereditatem possidebunt terram* in Ps. xxxvi. 22 (Blanchini, *Vind. Canon.*).

Verse 102, note 2. The form *poterint* occurs in both the MSS. of the Lat. transl. of Theod. Mopsuest. on the shorter Epistles of St. Paul; in the Amiens MS., *potuerunt*ⁱ 1 Tim. v. 10, and *poterunt*ⁱ 1 Tim. v. 24 (Comp. *erint*^v 1 Tim. v. 15), in the Harl. MS., Gal. i. 1, and *potuerint* 2 Thess. ii. 6.

¹ The two constructions stand in juxta-position in Matth. xii. 41, 42. (Comp. Cod. Bezae, ed. Scrivener, the Lat. of Cod. Bezae, Luke vii. 28, John xiii. 16, p. xxxix.)

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CORRIGENDA.

- Page 3, col. 2, line 24 from below. For *In patris* (ed. Bas.), the Bologna ed. (1496) has correctly *In primis*.
- Page 13, line 16. For iv. 23 read iv. 23*.
- note 2. Dele *cogitationis* xvi. 55.
- Page 14, line 17. For xvi. 48 read xvi. 48*.
- Page 15, line 19. For *quessiui* read *quaessiui*.
- Page 18, line 19. For *cum eo* read *cum ea*.
- Page 36, lines 2 & 4. Cod. S. has *relinquentur*.
- line 2. For *et singulis* read *in singulis*.
- lines 2 & 3. For *quatuor* read *quattuor*.
- Page 40, line 14. Transfer & from line 15 to the end of line 14.
- line 15. Dele ? at the end of the line.
- Page 41, line 25. For *Ignace* read *Ignazio*.
- Page 42, col. 2, line 11 from below. For A. i. 12 read A. i. 14.
- Page 67, line 4. For *Imprimis* read *Inprimis*.
- Page 82, note 3. For *Edinb.* read *York, Edinb.*

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